



April 12, 2020

To all St. Lucie County Chesterbrook Academy employees, students, and parents:

On April 10th at 7:15 pm, Broward County issued [Emergency Order 20-07](#), which makes CLOTH facial coverings MANDATORY for those providing and receiving essential services, effective April 11. This latest action from Broward County underscores the critical role we all play in slowing the spread of COVID-19. This new mandate, along with other precautions explained below, will go into effect when our doors open on Monday, April 13th for all Broward County Chesterbrook Academies.

Palm Beach County issued [Emergency-Order-Number-4](#) facial CLOTH coverings MANDATORY, April 12th. We are electing to be proactive and mandate this order for St. Lucie County, Chesterbrook Academy, and follow what we expect to be a forthcoming emergency declaration.

At Chesterbrook Academy, we will be complying with the following procedures:

- Employees must wear facial coverings that cover the nose and mouth and comply with CDC guidelines.
- Employees will be screened, and temperatures taken before entering the building.
- We will provide hand sanitizer at all entrances.
- Common areas of the facility will continue to be disinfected frequently.
- As always, employees must wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitizers while at school.
- Groups are limited to a maximum of 10 people, including children and teachers.

Students and families must comply with the following procedures:

- Facial coverings are mandatory for any individual who is dropping off or picking up children.
- Appropriate social distancing is still required.
- All students will be screened before entering the building. Students who have a temperature reading that exceeds 100 degrees and/or shows signs of illness may not attend.
- Students 3 years old and up are required to wear a facial covering while at school. Students may remove their facial covering during nap time, and prior to toileting and hand washing.

[CDC guidelines](#) advise the use of a simple cloth face-covering made from common household items at low cost. Surgical masks or N-95 respirators are discouraged as they are reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders. [Here is a tutorial link](#) from Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams on an easy way to make acceptable facial coverings.

We encourage you to involve your child in the making of their facial covering! Let's be creative but stay in compliance! Our teachers are aware that for some children this new requirement may be challenging, and they will do their best to make it a fun experience to help them adjust.

The health and safety of our students and teachers is our top priority. We appreciate your ongoing support as we navigate this unprecedented health crisis. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

Thank you,
Jami Melnick, School Principal 772-345-0860