

# The Maritime Academy of Toledo

## 2021-2022 Social Distancing and Mask Policy

### **Social Distancing and Mask Policy:**

The Maritime Academy of Toledo encourages 6-foot social distancing in the school environment whenever possible regardless of vaccination status. Social distancing is an important part of preventing the spread of COVID-19. Areas where social distancing proves difficult, are referred to as Mariner Mask Zones, and face coverings (masks) are encouraged to be worn. Social distancing and designated Mariner Mask Zones are reinforced with visual cues such as floor markings and/or signs. Masks are encouraged to be worn as much as possible by students during the school day regardless of vaccination status.

**Note:** Students will not be disciplined for refusal to wear masks.

Students and staff are welcome to use school appropriate masks of their choice or use a mask provided by the Maritime Academy. All Maritime Academy staff and students are **required** to wear face coverings within 6-feet of others.

**Students are ~~strongly encouraged~~ required to wear masks in the following areas, which are considered Mariner Mask Zones:**

- Drop-off and pick-up locations
- Classrooms/areas where 6-foot social distancing is difficult or the learning activity involves student collaboration (i.e. Science lab work)
- Hallways
- Restrooms
- Helm
- Cafeteria Serving Lines if applicable
- Other areas as required by State or local ordinances.

While students are not required to wear face coverings when social-distancing at workspaces in classrooms (and remaining 6-feet apart from others), they may continue to wear face coverings if they choose to do so.

