

**DIOCESE OF PATERSON
PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION
REGARDING EXCEPTIONS TO MASK RULES**

Name of School: _____
Name of Student: _____
Name of Parent(s): _____

Governor Murphy has issued an executive order (No. 251) which requires mandatory use of face masks in elementary and secondary schools, with limited exceptions. Medical exceptions are as follows:

- a. When doing so would inhibit the individual's health, such as when the individual is exposed to extreme heat indoors;
- b. When the individual has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face mask without assistance;
- c. When a student's documented medical condition or disability, as reflected in an Individualized Student Plan (ISP) or an "Other Health Impaired" (OHI) Educational Plan.

This section is to be completed by the student's physician:

1. Is the student under your care for a medical condition which prevents the student from wearing a mask in school? _____ Yes _____ No
2. Identify the exception (a, b, or c) applicable to the student named above: _____
3. Under what circumstances does the student need to remove the mask? _____

4. If the student requires periodic breaks from wearing the mask, please explain:
 - a. The frequency of the breaks: _____
 - b. The duration of the breaks: _____
5. This exemption is required until: _____ (date)

Physician Name (Please Print) Date

Physician Signature