Request for Mask Exemption

To protect the health of our students and staff, and to comply with the CDC guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 Schools, Lawrence Public Schools (USD 497) requires all students, staff, and visitors to wear a mask or cloth face covering when indoors on school district property. Masks may be removed when outdoors or eating or drinking, or during designated mask breaks.

The CDC, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, American Academy of Pediatrics, Kansas State Department of Education, and Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health support and promote mask wearing for children, youth, and adults in order to decrease the spread of COVID-19 in schools, especially given new spread of the Delta variant.

Please see the attached information sheet regarding Mask Guidance for School-Aged Children. The district will consider mask exemptions with completion of this Request for Mask Exemption signed by a primary care provider. Lawrence Public Schools asks that primary care providers and medical professionals in Kansas work to support and promote masking for adults and children. In addition, please advise youth and their families how to properly wear masks and increase comfort while wearing masks.

Health Care Provider Statement: It has been determined that my patient has a qualified medical condition or mental health condition that prevents her/him/them from wearing a mask, and therefore, should be exempt from the requirement to wear a mask while on Lawrence Public Schools’ property. Note: All individuals must wear a mask when riding in a school bus or district van.

Please state the medical/mental health condition and risk:

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Signature: (MD, DO, ARNP, PA) Date:

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE SCHOOL NURSE OR ADMINISTRATOR