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**The city is expanding its mask requirement to include schools and daycare centers**

From Monday, November 23rd, the city of Duisburg will extend the mask requirement to include schools and day-care centers.

While a mask requirement by ordinance or general decree already applies on busy streets and pedestrian zones as well as on playgrounds and in schools, the areas in front of the school or daycare center were free. But it is precisely here, directly outside the school premises, that the students meet during the break or after school and are often close together.

The same applies to parents who have left their children in the day care center and then talk to each other afterwards. That is why the city has now extended its general decree. In the vicinity of schools and day-care centers, it is mandatory to wear a mask in the direct catchment area of 150 meters. The regulation should apply from Monday, November 23rd, 2020.

In addition, the use of playgrounds between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. is prohibited, because during this time the places are often used for purposes other than those intended by individual groups.

The new rules are set out in the general decree of the city of Duisburg dated November 19, 2020.