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Re: Mask Update

Dear TUSD Families,

Over the last school year, TUSD has followed California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance and mandates to allow for full in-person instruction in the safest way possible. At no point in time have we created stricter guidance than our county and state, nor have we gone outside of the guidelines and requirements to implement our own less-strict district policies.

This morning, Governor Newsom announced that the declining case rates and hospitalizations across the west, California, Oregon and Washington are moving together to update their masking guidance. After 11:59 p.m. on March 11, California, Oregon and Washington will adopt new indoor mask policies and move from mask requirements to mask recommendations in schools. CDPH will be updating K-12 Schools Guidance to reflect that after 11:59 p.m. on March 11, 2022, students and staff members in K-12 settings will be strongly recommended, not required to mask while indoors. Please note that this change to statewide guidelines does not take effect until after 11:59 p.m. on March 11, 2022, effectively, Saturday, March 12. Masking is still required by all while indoors on school grounds until that date.

If you have any questions, please contact (209) 830-3200 x. 1003 or the COVID Hotline at (209) 832-6785.

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Sincerely,