March 4, 2022

Dear FJUHSD Families and Students,

Happy Friday! We wanted to provide a brief reminder about updates we shared earlier in the week. As previously shared, beginning Saturday, March 12, 2022, all students and staff members within a K-12 setting will be allowed the option, regardless of vaccination status, to wear or not wear a face mask while indoors at school and school events. CDPH Guidance.

FJUHSD will align its protocols accordingly, which will allow staff and students a choice when it comes to wearing masks while on campuses starting on Saturday, March 12, 2022, and moving forward. In the meantime, mask wearing is still required for all FJUHSD students and staff while indoors on school sites when students are present through March 11, 2022. Updated Health Guidance.

Beginning Saturday, March 12, 2022:

- Students and staff will be given the option to wear or not wear a mask both indoors and outdoors.
- There will be no distinction between vaccinated and unvaccinated in the updated state masking policy.
- Regardless of vaccination status, masks will also no longer be required for students participating in VAPA activities such as music, dance, choir, drama performances, etc.
- Unvaccinated student athletes will also no longer need to be tested for COVID-19, nor need to wear a mask.
- Attendees of indoor school events will no longer need to wear masks.
- Masks will also no longer be required for staff and students when riding school-provided transportation.

As a friendly reminder, the upcoming March 8, 2022 school board meeting will continue to follow current guidelines. Due to the fact that we have many students that participate in our school board meetings, including video production teams and a student board member, we will still maintain mask wearing for all participants. For future school board meetings we will look to adjust this practice to align with the state new guidance to allow for masks to be optional.

Thank you for your continued partnership and your resilience. This is a positive step as we move toward an endemic phase of the pandemic. FJUHSD will continue to take every step necessary to preserve the health and safety of our students, staff, and our community and will provide timely and necessary updates.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Steve McLaughlin, Ed.D.
Superintendent