March 11, 2022

Dear FJUHSD Families and Students,

Happy Friday! Once again, we want to provide a brief reminder about updates shared last week. As previously shared, beginning tomorrow 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 Latest Guidance**

FJUHSD will align its protocols accordingly, which will allow staff and students a choice when it comes to wearing masks while on campus starting tomorrow Saturday, March 12, 2022, and moving forward.

**OCDE Updated Guidance**

Beginning Tomorrow (Saturday, March 12, 2022):

- **Mask Choice** – Mask choice for all students and staff members will be in place at all FJUHSD schools and facilities. Anyone who wishes to wear a mask may do so at any time. Students and staff will be given the option to wear or not wear a mask both indoors and outdoors.
- With this shift to masks “strongly recommended,” the expectation is that individual choices are respected.
- Classrooms should discuss the change with students in a developmentally appropriate manner, including how to respect everyone’s personal choice.
- 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.
- If your child expresses any anxiety, feel free to reach out to a school counselor for additional support as needed.

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, and for those who choose, we look forward to seeing your smiling faces on Monday.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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