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Dear FJUHSF Families and Students,

We would like to give you an update on some reported changes regarding Statewide mask mandates. Once again, California will allow its mask mandate for indoor public spaces to expire at the end of day on February 15, 2022. However, for K-12 settings, face coverings will remain a state requirement for students and staff members while they are indoors at school sites ([OCHCA Press Release February 10, 2022](#)). Below are a few more details, with active weblinks.

- On Monday, February 7, 2022, Governor Newsom announced that the broader public masking requirement will expire on February 15, 2022, saying COVID-19 cases have decreased 65 percent since Omicron's peak. However, face coverings will remain a state requirement for students and staff while they are indoors, on school sites, while students are present. Masks are not required outdoors, but they are encouraged. Physical distancing is also encouraged, but not required, based on campus space limitations. [Guidance for the Use of Face Masks](#)
- The additional state mandate that all school employees must show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or be tested on a weekly basis remains in place. The Mega-Event limit is being raised back to 1,000 attendees for indoor events and 10,000 for outdoor events. [Mega Events Guidance](#). Indoor athletes for spring sports will continue to follow our current District protocols.
- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) indicated [additional school guidance](#) is on the horizon: "The state is continuing to work with education, public health and community leaders to update masking requirements at schools to adapt to changing conditions and ensure the safety of kids, teachers, and staff. Additional adjustments to the state's policies will be shared in the coming week."
- In planning for the next phase of this pandemic, Dr. Clayton Chau and his team at the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) have reviewed recommendations on face-coverings for the K-12 setting from experts across the country. Dr. Chau has [proposed the attached recommended metrics](#) to the Orange County Department of Public Health for consideration to remove the mask mandate for K-12 schools.

As was shared by Governor Newsom earlier this week, we do anticipate additional announcements to changes in K-12 school guidance as early as next week. Therefore, we do anticipate sending out additional updates next week.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update, and we hope everyone enjoys a nice three day weekend.

Sincerely,

Steve McLaughlin, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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