



IMPORTANT MESSAGE
from
Superintendent, Kimberly McGrath
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Dear RUSD Parents, Guardians and Staff,

I hope you are continuing to enjoy your summer. Thank you all for your warm, welcoming messages and introductions. I wanted to give you a quick update on public health guidelines as it stands now. Of course, there's a chance that public health may make updates before the first day of school, and we will all need to be flexible if changes occur. I also want to acknowledge that I realize that some people feel strongly about these guidelines; however, RUSD will need to follow the lead of Marin County Public Health guidelines despite the range of our personal perspectives. Here is the abbreviated version:

- students and adults wear masks indoors when students are present
- masks outdoors are optional
- documented medical conditions can create mask exemptions
- no physical distancing requirements
- staying home when sick with COVID-related symptoms
- hand hygiene recommendations
- case reporting and contact tracing
- quarantine and isolation guidelines
- cleaning and food service recommendations
- independent study program will be available through another school district in the county, if requested

Here is the [link to the guidelines](#) if you are interested in more detailed information. In summary, all K-12 students and adults in K-12 school settings are required to wear masks indoors when students are present. People who have medical conditions that don't allow them to wear a mask are exempt, but they must wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge or another non restrictive alternative. Schools will provide students with a face covering if they forget to bring one of their own. If a student refuses to comply with the mask rules, the school staff will address the issue with appropriate measures.

If you are interested in an alternative educational opportunity, an independent study option will be available. This option will not be offered by RUSD, but with an agreement with another school district within the county. If you would like to be enrolled in the independent study program, then please email Keith

Woodard, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent,
at kwoodard@reedschools.org. Please include your student's name(s) and
grade level(s) in the email.

I hope this helps to create some clarity. Continue to enjoy your summer, and
we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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