



IMPORTANT MESSAGE Indoor and Outdoor Masks from Superintendent, Kimberly McGrath Friday, August 20, 2021

Dear RUSD Parents and Guardians,

Recent news articles may have created some questions around masks. Today, Public Health clarified that their guidance has not changed. Dr. Willis, Public Health Officer and Epidemiologist, stated in a webinar today that indoor masks are required and outdoors masks are strongly recommended. He stated that masks are one of the best preventative strategies that we can take. We will continue to follow public health guidelines. Staff and students will continue to wear masks indoors and outdoors for now.

Dr. Willis explained that the rationale for this is the contagious nature of the Delta variant, the reduction of risk with mask on mask contact, and a reduced quarantine period for those with masks. Of course, we want to maximize safe, full-time, in-person learning, so we will continue to follow these guidelines.

Follow [this link](#) to read CDC guidelines on how to properly wear your mask.

Remember our 5Hs:

1. Healthy (stay home when symptomatic and wait for a negative test result to return)
2. Hand hygiene (continue to wash your hands)
3. Hydration (take care of your health and bring your water bottle)
4. Have a mask (we will continue to wear masks indoors and outdoors)
5. Happy!

It was such a successful, positive, engaging 3 days of school. Let's continue to work together to have a fantastic school year.

Best regards,

Kimberly McGrath
Superintendent
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