



IMPORTANT MESSAGE from Superintendent, Kimberly McGrath Thursday, October 7, 2021

Dear RUSD Community,

New Public Health Guidelines Begin Monday:

- Public Health states that outdoor masks are optional. In general, masks are not needed outdoors. Families can choose for their students to still wear masks outdoors, if desired.
- The district is purchasing mask lanyards for everyone, and we ask that everyone brings the lanyard and mask back and forth from school to home each day.
- Large gatherings are allowed indoors and outdoors. Indoor gatherings over 1,000 may take place with attendees showing proof of vaccination or a negative test within 72 hours.
- All school districts in Marin need to enroll in state antigen testing, and RUSD already has.

If you are interested in more detailed information, you can find it below:

- I encourage families to talk to their children about your family's expectations for outdoor mask use.
- I also encourage families to talk to their children about how to kindly and respectfully interact with students that make a different selection.
- Keep in mind that students are curious and asking questions is natural. Consider practicing respectful responses like, "My family and I wear masks outdoors because my grandma lives with us."

Helpful Resources:

[Dr. Santora's October 6, 2021 Presentation which includes the revised 32 Point Plan](#)

[How to Wear and Take Off Your Mask](#)

Best regards,

Kimberly McGrath
Superintendent
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