

# *Buchanan County R-IV School District*

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Buchanan County R-IV Students, Staff and Patrons,

Effective Wednesday, November 18, 2020 the Buchanan County School District will require a mask for all students, staff and patrons upon entry to any of our buildings and bus rides due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases across our area and state.

This mandate is in accordance with the Governors message of November 12.

The new guidelines made available to all Missouri Schools allows a greater number of our students the ability to attend school if they have been contact traced from a student that has tested positive or is a presumed positive. By our latest numbers alone, 25 of our current 38 students that are currently quarantined would be able to attend school under the new statute. This is a great opportunity for our students to stay in school!

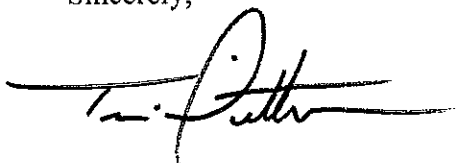
Exceptions are when social distancing can be established in the classroom settings and for those that have an underlying medical condition, with documentation from a doctor, that makes a mask prohibitive. At this time face shields are a suitable replacement for masks in such situations.

Buchanan County R-IV will continue to provide masks to students as needed. However, students are encouraged to keep masks of their own as well and wash them on a regular basis.

We appreciate all of the outstanding cooperation we have received to date and hope you will continue to support our efforts moving forward to continue the school year in a traditional setting as much as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Stay safe and be well!

Sincerely,



Travis Dittmore