

In response to questions on the Covid health and safety protocols I am providing the following information on masks in school. There are not any official mandates from the State or Local Government as of today, only recommendations. Currently, we as a district, are able to determine the health protocols for our school district independent of any state or county mandate.

In order to provide the least restrictive educational environment for our students, Wiley School District will not require masks to be worn at our school, during practices or on educational trips. However, any student or staff member that wishes to wear a mask will be welcome to do so without incident, and will be protected with their choice. We will also not be collecting data on Covid vaccines for students or staff, unless mandated by law.

As of now, we are able to make this determination as a district, although this could change very soon. The State Government has issued guidance that they are recommending that all children and educators be required to wear a mask during school. This is a recommendation from the State and is not currently a mandate as of now. The State has sent guidance to the County Health Department to make rules and mandates to require masking. The County Health Department has been given the authority, by law, to initiate and enforce whatever health protocols they deem to be necessary in the name of public safety. The Prowers County Department of Public Health and Environment has not issued any such mandates as of the writing of this letter.

As the Superintendent of Wiley School District it is my duty to help provide the best educational environment possible for all of our students and staff. I am trying to protect the social emotional health and academic growth for everyone in our district. I will continue to keep the public informed should any mandate be initiated. You can find further details of our Reopening Plan on our website [Wileyschool.org](http://Wileyschool.org).

Thank you.  
Jeff Bollinger