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DISTRICT PRESS RELEASE REGARDING COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS

September 1, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please be advised the Jefferson R-VII School District has gone above a 2% positivity rate for students and staff across the District as of today. As a result, effective Thursday, September 2, 2021, the Jefferson R-VII School District will be placed in a required mask status for all Preschool through 12th grade students and staff as outlined by the District's Return to School Guidelines and Protocols. The mask mandate will remain in effect until the positivity rate is below 2% plus an additional 7 days. The District will communicate the date when masks will become recommended but not required once this threshold has been attained.

This mask mandate will apply to students and spectators for all indoor extracurricular activities and events. Masks will not apply to outdoor extracurricular activities and events where social distancing can be maintained. All visitors to the District will be provided a mask upon entry (if you do not have one) and will be expected to wear a mask for the duration of the time on campus.

At this time, this mask mandate applies to the entire school district for Preschool through 12th grade. The extra mitigation measure of masks will provide the opportunity to greatly reduce our number of quarantined students and staff going forward. When both close contacts and COVID positive students are masked, the close contacts are not required to quarantine unless symptoms develop.

The District continues to exercise extreme caution for all students and staff as we continue to navigate the COVID pandemic. Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Clint D. Johnston
Superintendent of Schools