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For Immediate Release:

After great consideration, the Farmington School Board approved a District Mask Advisory Policy. The purpose of the policy is to provide guidance regarding the use of COVID-19 precautions based on the prevalence of COVID-19 within the Farmington School District. Data from the <u>Arkansas Center for Health Improvement (ACHI)</u> is used to help guide the decision making on COVID-19 precautions in Farmington Schools.

The Mask Advisory Policy will allow school district leaders to make the decision on whether masks are optional or required based on the rate of infection in our community and district. Listed below are the levels of risk and the precautions to take, levels of risk are determined the amount of infections per 10,000 people in the Farmington School District:

Low Risk (10-29 Infections per 10k)

Optional Masking for Teachers and Students

Moderate Risk (30-49 Infections per 10k)

Optional Masking, but Recommended, for Teachers and Students

High Risk (50-100+ Infections per 10k)

• Required Masking for Teachers and Students

As of September 27, 2021 the Farmington School District is considered at "moderate risk" with 30-49 infections per 10,000 people. *Effective September 28, 2021 masking will be optional*, *but recommended for all students and staff in Farmington School District*.

Farmington School District Administration will continue to monitor the rate of infection in our community and will adjust our precautions as necessary. We will use our <u>website</u>, app, sms messaging and social media to update our families on changes to our level. To view the Farmington School District Mask Advisory Policy, please click the link below.

Mask Advisory Policy