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New Masking Updates for Aromas-San Juan Unified School District

Good Afternoon Aromas-San Juan USD Staff, Students, Guardians, and Community,

On Monday, February 28, 2022, Governor Newsom's administration announced the statewide school timeline to lift the mandatory masking mandate for vaccinated and unvaccinated students. The announcement included the following key points:

- The statewide school indoor mask mandate will expire for all students, regardless of vaccination status, at the end of the day on Friday, March 11. Specifically, masks will no longer be required but are strongly recommended.
- Monday, March 14, will be the first school day with no state masking requirement for students.
- County public health officers and local education agencies may still impose rules more stringent than the state. At this time, our local health officer is in alignment with the state recommendation of strongly recommending mask versus mandating.

On Wednesday, March 9, 2022, the Aromas-San Juan Unified School District Board of Trustees took action on an item related to masking policies for the District. Please see the PowerPoint presentation made at the Board meeting on March 9, 2022, for more information.

Beginning Monday, March 14, 2022, the Aromas-San Juan Unified School District will align its masking policy with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and San Benito County Public Health guidance. We will transition from "**required**" to "**strongly recommended**" masking indoors and outdoors, and we will no longer require masks indoors and outdoors on all school campuses and facilities.

The District administrative staff are reviewing the protocols previously in place under the guidelines prior to March 11, 2022. Specifically, we are reviewing the campus guidelines to determine when and how parents will be reintroduced to our campuses—further information to follow.

All the best,

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