

## USD 108 Mask Update (7/30/2020)

As USD 108 was making plans for students to return to school, we spent much time on how to make wearing a mask convenient and sanitized for the health and safety of our students, staff, and families. Our team met with local health officials who felt that the way we had chosen was the safest way to ensure masks were sanitized. It continues to be a hope that taking these precautions now will enable us to lift or open up on some of these restrictions later. Some of the reasoning behind our mask protocol were:

- \*Wanting to take away the costs of masks from families.
- \*Ensuring masks were sanitized each day
- \*Helping families not having to worry about keeping track of and sanitizing masks every day.

USD 108 has fielded concerns about masks being shared. It was never our intention to make families uncomfortable. At this time, USD 108 has decided students can bring his/her own mask. The following guidelines must be followed in order for students to wear his/her own mask.

- \*Sanitized each day. This includes washing with detergent in hot water followed by drying on high heat or drying in the sun.
- \*Masks can be solid colored or patterned but NOT have writing, logos, images, etc. A student's initials or name can be on the mask. (No bandanas, face shields, gaiters, etc.)
- \*If a staff member feels a mask does not appear to be sanitized, the mask will be replaced with a school purchased mask and the student mask will be returned to the home.

It is NOT our expectation for students to provide their own mask. We will continue to provide and sanitize masks for any student who needs one. A mask is required by each student to be at school, whether it is their own or provided.