

Sorry for the frequent updates, but we want to make sure parents get all the information they need for school next week. I am sure this will not be my last. I am meeting with the Health Department every couple days for the latest updates on dealing with COVID

While masks are optional at school, please remember that masks are required on school buses. This is federal guidance, and we have no choice in this. I was not clear on this in yesterday's email.

This bus mandate is for athletes also when they are going to and from a game. The drivers have been instructed to not pull out of the school lot until masks are on.

Coaches and parents can help us by reminding your child about these rules.

As stated in yesterday's email, if a child is vaccinated or wears a mask, they will not be quarantined at home. An update that we learned today is that the students can stay in school with vaccination or if they wear masks, they **MUST** wear a mask during this in school time until either they get a negative test on a certain day or wait out the required 14 days. **IF** the student cannot masks during this time, then they must be send home to be quarantined like we did last year.

Again, masks are still optional, but as the Health Department will say in their press briefing before schools starts they are highly encouraged and it is one step that may help keep your kid in school. A child who wears a masks religiously, could still be home quarantined if the exposure happens at lunchtime since kids are without masks during this time.

I know this is a lot, and I am sorry, but trying to relay to our parents the best information that I can as I learn about it.

Tony Borton, Superintendent