



Southwest

Independent School District

From the Office of the Superintendent

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August 19, 2021

Dear Southwest ISD Families,

We understand that there has been a lot of messaging around the use of masks in schools. We know there are varying opinions, and we are trying our best to land in the most supportive and safest area for our families, staff, and students. However, in our conversations and review of data for local systems already in session, we see a more significant uptick with the Covid-19 Delta variant than we observed at the beginning of last school year.

We understand there is a court battle over who can decide what is best for community schools, the state, or the local structure. That challenge is in the court system, and we expect that process to bounce back and forth for an extended period of time. SWISD would like to avoid changing expectations around mask requirements. In the interest of student and staff health and safety, Southwest ISD will implement a Temporary Indoor Facemask Requirement for all students, staff, and visitors while inside district facilities and on school buses. This requirement goes into effect on the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 23.

This action will increase the probability of keeping our schools open longer, and when we do have positive cases, it will minimize the number of students who will need to be quarantined. Our calling is to safely get our students back into the classroom and back on track for their future aspirations. By providing this layer of safety, we feel we will deter widespread outbreaks in our facilities.

Southwest ISD will continue to monitor local information and make adjustments to loosen some of our protocols when the Covid-19 metrics improve. Remember, we are better together, stronger than ever.

We ARE Southwest!

Lloyd Verstuyft, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Estimadas familias de Southwest ISD,

Entendemos que ha habido muchos mensajes sobre el uso de máscaras en las escuelas. Sabemos que hay diferentes opiniones y estamos haciendo todo lo posible para aterrizar en el área más segura y de mayor apoyo para nuestras familias, personal y estudiantes. Sin embargo, en nuestras conversaciones y revisión de datos para sistemas locales que ya están en sesión, vemos un repunte más significativo con la variante Covid-19 Delta de lo que observamos al comienzo del año escolar pasado.

Entendemos que hay una batalla judicial sobre quién puede decidir qué es lo mejor para las escuelas comunitarias, el estado o la estructura local. Ese desafío está en el sistema judicial y esperamos que el proceso repunte durante un período prolongado. A SWISD le gustaría evitar cambiar las expectativas en torno a los requisitos de las mascarillas. En interés de la salud y seguridad de los estudiantes y el personal, Southwest ISD implementará un requisito de mascarilla interior temporal para todos los estudiantes, el personal y los visitantes mientras se encuentren dentro de las instalaciones del distrito y en los autobuses escolares. Este requisito entra en vigor el primer día de clases, el lunes 23 de agosto.

Esta acción aumentará la probabilidad de mantener nuestras escuelas abiertas por más tiempo y, cuando tengamos casos positivos, minimizará la cantidad de estudiantes que deberán ser puestos en cuarentena. Nuestro llamado es hacer que nuestros estudiantes regresen al aula de manera segura y encaminan sus aspiraciones futuras. Al proporcionar esta capa de seguridad, creemos que impediremos que se produzcan brotes generalizados en nuestras instalaciones.

Southwest ISD continuará monitoreando la información local y haciendo ajustes para relajar algunos de nuestros protocolos cuando mejoren las métricas de Covid-19. Recuerde, estamos mejor juntos, más fuertes que nunca.

¡SOMOS Suroeste!

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Superintendente de escuelas

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