



Alexander Valley Union School District

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Superintendent-Principal

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RE: 7.4 Approval of Indoor Masking Addendum

Dear Trustees,

As promised, on February 28th, CDPH held a [press conference](#) and Governor Newsom [provided an update](#) that, “after March 11, 2022, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and Childcare settings will terminate. CDPH strongly recommends that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings when the universal masking requirement lifts.” Furthermore, the Sonoma County Department of Public Health has indicated that Sonoma County will align with this new CDPH guidance.

Throughout the pandemic, we have displayed resilience and found common ground as a community of learners. Because of this, we are where we are today, in what the CDC describes as a [“Low COVID-19 Community Level.”](#) As a District, using layered prevention measures has been the key foundation of our COVID safety plan, limiting COVID infections and transmission in school. We will continue to provide PPE, free rapid testing (when available), and high-quality ventilation in our classrooms.

ADDENDUM TO AVS COVID-19 SAFTY PLAN

Throughout the pandemic, AVUSD has aligned our safety protocols and policies with the medical experts at the CDPH and Sonoma County Department of Public Health, and we will continue to do so. **Therefore, starting Monday, March 14th, masking at AVS during in-class instruction will no longer be required.**

This new information creates a change in our current AVS Covid-19 Safety Plan. I request the Board’s approval on amending our current Covid-19 Safety Plan to now follow the latest guidance on indoor masking no longer being required in K-12 school settings.

I will also add...if we have learned anything, it is that COVID has proven to be unpredictable. CDPH and Sonoma County health guidance and mandates may change again as case rates change. Should conditions change, we will adjust our Covid-19 Safety Plan accordingly.

Thank you,

M. Reno