



## AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Amador County Families:

This letter is to inform you that on Friday, August 6, 2021, at approximately 5:15 p.m., the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated the requirements for schools. The updated language requires all students to wear masks while indoors at school unless they have an exemption provided to the District by an individual working under a physician's license. The language specifically states:

*As per [CDPH Guidance on Face Coverings](#), "persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask" as well as "persons who are hearing impaired" are exempt from mask requirements.*

*Assessing for exemption due to a medical condition, mental health condition, disability that prevents wearing a mask, or hearing impairment is a medical determination and therefore must be made by a physician, nurse practitioner, or other licensed medical professional practicing under the license of a physician. Self-attestation and parental attestation for mask exemptions due to the aforementioned conditions do not constitute medical determinations.*

*Additionally, per [CDPH K-12 Guidance](#), "persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it."*

The *Mask Exemption Flowchart* and *COVID-19 Mask Exemption Request Form* can be found [HERE](#). Please review the flowchart that outlines our mask exemption process. If you feel your child qualifies for a face mask exemption, you will need to follow the steps outlined in our health and safety plan and flowchart. Once completed, please return the form to your site principal for review. In addition, you can review the updated [Health and Safety Plan During COVID-19 for a Safe Return to School for the 2021-2022 School Year](#) and will see changes in red. This will be taken to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 for additional review and discussion if needed.

Please reach out any time if you have questions or concerns. I can be reached at [torie.gibson@acusd.org](mailto:torie.gibson@acusd.org) or at 209-257-5353. I thank you all for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate the ever changing guidelines and requirements throughout this school year.

Sincerely,

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