

March 11th, 2022

Dear SES Parents/Guardians,

Recently, the California Department of Public Health released new guidelines for California K-12 Public Schools.

A link to this can be found here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

After today, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and Childcare settings will terminate. This means starting on Monday, March 14th, students and staff, vaccinated or unvaccinated, **will not be required** to wear a face mask on the **Sonora Elementary campus**.

CDPH does still strongly recommends that individuals in K-12 schools continue to mask in indoor settings. Masking will continue to be an option for our staff and students and masks will still be provided if someone wishes to wear a mask indoors.

At this time, no changes to the protocols in place to have parent volunteers on campus. As it has been for the past year, parent volunteers in the classroom and/or field trips are welcome and appreciated. You must contact your child's teacher ahead of time to determine if your services are needed AND you must complete the "Assumption of Risk" document, which includes a proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 result on a PCR or 'rapid' antigen test to provide a volunteer experience.

Here at Sonora Elementary, we expect all staff and students to respect and honor the non-masking or masking choice each individual will make, moving forward. We understand some families, students and staff may choose to continue to wear a mask indoors at all times or on certain days. No student will have the right to ridicule, tease or persuade other students who choose to wear or not wear a mask in class. All staff on our campus will be expected to allow students to not wear a mask or wear a mask indoors, and respect that choice. Any actions that go against these full expectations will need to be brought to the attention of school administration.

I am thankful for the patience and the perseverance of our students and staff over the past two years.

Sincerely,

Chris Boyles, Principal