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Dear Solana Beach School District Families,

As you may have heard, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced new COVID-19 requirements yesterday regarding masks indoors, large events, and travel. Here's what our students, staff, and families need to know:

- Individuals in California will be required to wear masks while **indoors**, starting Wednesday, Dec. 15, **regardless of vaccination status**. Schools have required adults and students to wear masks when together. Now all adults at all times will be required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status and regardless if students are not present.
- Individuals attending events with more than 1,000 people, who cannot provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination status, will be required to provide proof of a negative PCR test 48 hours before an event, or an antigen test 24 hours before attending the event.
- It is recommended that travelers to the state get a COVID-19 test three to five days after arrival and follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention travel guidelines.

According to CDPH, the new requirements are a response to the increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the state, and the detection of the new Omicron variant. The County of San Diego consistently adopts CDPH's requirements. The indoor face covering mandate is scheduled to last at least through January 15, 2022, and will be reevaluated at that time.

As stated above, Solana Beach School District continues to adhere to the CDPH mandate which requires all students and staff to wear masks indoors. Masks are not required outdoors except when participating in outdoor activities such as assemblies.

With the holiday season approaching, we know families may be planning to travel, including out of state. If you will be traveling, please make note of the recommendation to get tested upon return, and continue to follow other mitigation measures such as wearing a mask, washing your hands, staying home if you're sick, and staying home if any household member (student included) are being tested due to flu or COVID-like symptoms.

Our goal remains keeping our schools open and our students in their classrooms whenever possible.

We will keep you posted on any other changes that might impact school operations. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

Jodee Brentlinger, Superintendent