



KNOB NOSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Date: 3-4-2022
To: Parents/Guardians
From: Jerrod Wheeler
RE: Mask Mandate Removed at Whiteman AFB

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This morning, Whiteman AFB Leadership notified the district that masking is no longer required on base, effective immediately. Accordingly, masking will no longer be required for students or staff at Whiteman Elementary or on district buses serving Whiteman, effective immediately. With this announcement, we will now become consistent in our approach for all students in all areas of district operations. No other changes to our COVID protocols will take place at this time.

When we returned to school last August, students and staff in off base schools were given the option to mask or not mask. At that time, we emphasized that our families, students, and staff should be sensitive and respectful regarding the decision by all individuals to mask or not mask. With this change just now occurring on Whiteman AFB, we want to once again remind all individuals to be respectful of the personal choices of others. Our team will also be respectful and will not impose any requirement regarding the use or non-use of face coverings in any area of our operations.

Please find below a copy of the notification received this morning. Should we be notified of any changes in the future, we will immediately relay that notification to you.

As always, please reach out if we may further assist with this issue. Have a great Friday and weekend ahead!

V/R,

Jerrod Wheeler, Ed.D.
Superintendent

“The CDC COVID-19 Community Level in Johnson County, MO is now **Medium**. As a result, **masks are no longer required for vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals in facilities on the installation**. However, **screening/testing is still required for unvaccinated members**. The new COVID-19 Community Level guidelines do not apply to healthcare facilities and **mask wear is still required in the clinic on base**. In addition, effective immediately, I am lowering the installation’s health protection level down to HPCON ALPHA.

Our team will keep an eye on our community level going forward and I will inform you of any change as needed.”