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### **Masking Update**

El Dorado Union High School District Community,

We hope that all of you are enjoying a great summer break with family and friends. We wanted to take a moment to update you on the latest masking guidance from Sacramento for this fall school year.

Last Friday, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) provided guidance for masking at schools for this fall. On Monday, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released guidance stating that masks would not be required outdoors, but would be required indoors in classrooms for students and staff regardless of vaccination status. Those individuals who would not want to wear a mask would attend online independent study. This guidance was different from the CDC guidance. Then, the CDPH clarified their guidance approximately three hours after releasing it and have again alerted us that changing guidance is yet to come. Clearly, CDPH guidance is changing very rapidly, and once it settles we will provide answers on how we move forward before school starts.

Recently, the El Dorado County Supervisors passed a resolution asking the State for local control to be given to school districts in making masking decisions. The El Dorado Union High School District supports the principle of local control for masking. Currently, California is not allowing for local control.

Thank you for your patience as we seek to understand the CDPH guidance on masking in a rapidly changing environment. We will be providing guidance as we approach the start of the school year while we continue to advocate for local control.

If you wish to express your opinion to the CDPH regarding their masking guidance, please visit: [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/contact\\_us.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2d4t1ju2sRh2LwrhoMNg-UE5IqM1IN5Es9UgAmx\\_cdzrNDHCXn3YS9BI#err0242f3ab-d80c-49fd-a812-8462abbde56e](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/contact_us.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2d4t1ju2sRh2LwrhoMNg-UE5IqM1IN5Es9UgAmx_cdzrNDHCXn3YS9BI#err0242f3ab-d80c-49fd-a812-8462abbde56e)

Finally, we are also awaiting updated guidance on athletics, band, drama, choir and performing arts from the CDPH. We remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting our students and families through a return of control on these decisions to the local community. Please watch for further information.