

KSD Face Covering

Considerations for removing mask mandate: 1. Internal district data 2. Current stage of re-opening for Idaho 3. Community data 4. Current literature including CDC recommendations.

Given the current factors related to COVID19:

1. Downward trend currently near the CDC low risk category (Defined as less than five per 100,000. This is the criteria for travel to destinations greater than 200,000 population density.)
2. Multiple recent articles showing no significant spread in schools, and
3. Anecdotal evidence noted in Oklahoma showing no improvement in the school districts that mandated mask versus the school districts that encourage masked instruction.
4. As lower total number of cases in the community occur, the absolute number of cases of COVID-19 prevented with masks will likely be negligible according to applied mathematics models.
5. Evidence of partial immunity for the community given larger past COVID19 infections and current vaccination rates (teacher were included in vaccination eligibility as of 2/1/21.)

Proposal:

Make masks instruction recommended rather than required. Continue to keep remaining mitigation strategies.

Reconsideration of the mask mandate based on:

1. Internal data (Households affected, suspected, or confirmed in district transmission)
2. Governor Brad Little's Stage of Reopening regresses to Stage 2
3. Escalation of community spread rate
4. Hospitalization data regarding positivity rate, hospitalizations, and capacity