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Dear FJA Community,

At its meeting last night, the FJA Governing Board updated its indoor masking policy to align with new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and to reflect the majority of families' and staff members' preferences as indicated on this week's recent survey.

FJA's updated policy is that we will move "to mask optional, effective Monday, March 7, 2022, with recognition that the FJA board will revisit COVID mitigation measures as necessary, and the FJA community is committed to a supportive and mask-friendly environment." The CDC's updated guidance places Coconino County COVID-19 Community Level at Medium, meaning that individuals are not required to mask indoors, but may choose to wear a face mask at any time and to their comfort level. If our local Community Level and/or CDC guidance changes, the board may revisit our policy. Individuals with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask regardless of community level.

Having the next four days to transition to a mask-optional learning environment will be valuable to allow students, staff, and families to have the important conversations around respecting different masking choices.

Further, the board updated its close contact quarantining policy so that asymptomatic close contacts may remain at school after exposure as long as they are willing to test and show two negative test results within five days after their exposure. This shift mirrors local, state, and national public health agencies transitioning away from universal contact tracing. FJA continues to encourage its community members to participate in free COVID-19 vaccination and/or testing opportunities as eligibility allows.

FJA students, staff, families, and board members have done a tremendous job throughout the entire pandemic, working together peacefully to navigate challenging times and to continue educating students in an emotionally and physically safe environment. Thank you for this. I know that we will continue together along these lines in the spirit of community and in service to FJA children and one another.

Thank you,

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FJA Executive Director



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