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Dear Shaffer Families,

Newest School Guidance Requiring Facial Coverings Requirement for TK-2nd Grade

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released the consolidated update of guidance for schools on Thursday, January 14, 2021. In it, the requirement for all students and staff to wear facial coverings, both inside and outside, while at school and on busses or other transportation provided to students. The schools in Lassen County will begin enforcing the facial covering requirement for all students and staff on Thursday, January 21, 2021. We will be working with our students with these new requirements, and will continue to provide all our students with "mask breaks" as needed. Shaffer School will allow students to remove masks outdoors, while maintaining "6ft" social distancing guidelines.

Additional directives from California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

People in California must wear face coverings when they are outside of the home, unless one of the exemptions below applies.

Individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings in the following specific settings:

- Persons in a car alone or solely with members of their own household.
- Persons who are working in an office or in a room alone.
- Persons who are actively eating or drinking provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
- Persons who are outdoors and maintaining at least 6 feet of social distancing from others not in their household. Such persons must have a face covering with them at all times and must put it on if they are within 6 feet of others who are not in their household.
- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
- Workers who are required to wear respiratory protection.
- Persons who are specifically exempted from wearing face coverings by other CDPH guidance.

Students and Staff, as long as they are 6 foot socially distanced, may remove their face coverings outside.

Once again, we will continue to provide the option of distance learning for families that do not wish to have their students wear a face covering or prefer their students remain in distance learning for instruction. If you choose this option, please notify the school by calling the school office at (530) 254-6577 or emailing Shannon Polan at spolan@shatterschool.com.

If you need to reach me, please feel free to contact the office (530) 254-6577 or email jbaker@shafferschool.com.

With care,

Jeff Baker
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