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Compliance with CDPH Mask Mandate

The Safety of students, staff, and school visitors is a vital concern for the Rim of the World Unified School District. As the state has experienced an increase of COVID-19 related cases and hospitalizations, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) revised its COVID-19 Public Health for K-12 School in California, 2021-22 School Year. The guidelines specifically state that **“schools should offer alternative educational opportunities for students who are excluded from campus because they will not wear a face covering.”** The CDPH requires all students and adults on campus to wear a face covering unless they are medically exempt from doing so. It is optional to wear a face covering outside. To adhere to the requirements from the CDPH, the district has created the following protocols for students who do not wear a mask on campus.

- 1) Students who forget to wear or bring their mask will be provided one by school personnel.
- 2) Students who do not wear a mask will be provided one and directed to wear it.
- 3) Continued refusal to wear a mask will require the student to speak to a counselor, health technician, or administrator regarding the importance of wearing a mask.
- 4) After the above interventions have been implemented, the parent will be called to speak to their student to wear a mask or pick up their student and placed on short-term independent study (STIS).

STIS is for a maximum of 15 days, in which students will receive assignments from their teacher(s) to complete. A student may return to school anytime within the 15 days if they will mask while indoors on campus.

A student who does not complete STIS assignments or does not return after the 15th day will have their absence counted as unexcused. This could result in a referral to the Student Attendance Review Team and/or Attendance Review Board.

The CDPH reinforces that the foundational principle of the guidance is that all students must have access to safe and in-person instruction. The District equally feels the same. It is important that students, staff, and visitors on campus do their part to ensure a safe learning and working environment for all.

The revised CDPH guidelines can be found at:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22>