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In response to Texas lifting the Mask Mandate, masks will be optional for all Mabank ISD students and staff with a few exceptions beginning April 1, 2021. Students and staff will be required to wear masks when engaged in the following:

- While riding a school bus.
- Seniors, while participating in Senior Assembly, Baccalaureate, Graduation and their respective rehearsals/practices.
- Any student who reports to a nurse's clinic with COVID-19 symptoms. If they do not have a mask, one will be provided.

Please note all other district regulations and protocols currently in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 will remain. This includes current quarantine procedures as a result of close contact to a test-confirmed positive COVID-19 case.

Per the Texas Education Agency: The definition of close contact is evolving with our understanding of COVID-19, and individual scenarios should be determined by an appropriate public health agency. In general, close contact is defined as:

- a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
- b. being within 6 feet for a total of approximately 15 minutes throughout the course of a day; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, vaccination status, prior infection status, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are test-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming test.

The Texas Education Agency's complete Public Health Guidance can be accessed at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>.

We look forward to a strong finish to the school year.

Sincerely,

Brad Koskelin
Superintendent
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