



# WELLSVILLE

Unified School District 289

August 12, 2021

Good Afternoon,

I hope that you are having an excellent week! The following are a few updates regarding our COVID-19 protocols and procedures:

- Per federal order, all children will be required to wear masks on school transportation.  
We recently received clarification from the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) which will require our compliance and adherence to an existing order from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This order applies to all students who will be riding a school bus and requires that all students and all drivers wear masks over the mouth and nose while on the bus and while waiting indoors for the bus, which is known as a “transportation hub” in the CDC / HHS order. The key term in the CDC/HHS Order that makes the masking requirement applicable to our school buses is the term “conveyances,” which will not only include school buses but will also apply to other forms of school district-provided transportation such as activity buses, vans, SUVs, and/or cars. We will ensure that our drivers have extra masks available should your child(ren) be without one. We appreciate your time in reviewing this information and your patience and understanding with continually evolving circumstances that require our compliance and adherence. Please know we will share any updates with you about this existing Order as we learn about them. Additional information about the orders can be viewed [HERE](#).
- Masking is recommended and Stay and Play Program  
The district and board of education reviewed COVID-19 protocols this week as well as current disease metrics and CDC, KDHE, and Franklin County Health Department recommendations. The following updates to the plan were approved last night. The entire plan can be viewed [HERE](#).
  - **Masks are recommended for staff and students. If 3% (25 total) of USD 289 students/staff are positive at any one time, a district-wide mask mandate will be in effect for two weeks or until we are below the 3% threshold.**
  - USD 289 plans to offer families the opportunity to participate in the KDHE Test to Stay and Play program if approval and funding from KDHE is received. **This is**

**an entirely optional program and requires an OPT-IN from the parent.** We hope this will be an option for parents/families to potentially limit the impact of quarantines required due to being identified as a close contact. Additional information will be sent out regarding this program in the coming days. We hope this will be an option for parents/families to potentially limit the impact of quarantines required due to being identified as a close contact.

- Current quarantine guidelines provided by the Franklin County Health Department can be viewed [HERE](#).

Thank you for your continued support of the health and safety of our students and staff as we continue our planning to provide safe in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to welcome students back next week! It's A Great Day to Be an Eagle!

Sincerely,

Ryan Bradbury  
Superintendent  
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