Due to high community transmission rates of COVID-19 in the county and lack of vaccine availability for all individuals, the Shawnee Mission School District (SMSD) will require masking of all children and adults in grades PreK-12 and in all district facilities until further notice.

**MASKING:**

Masks are required for all PreK-12 children and adults until such a time as all students have the opportunity to be fully vaccinated and community transmission levels decrease.

*Individuals do not need to mask when outdoors.* This includes students participating in elementary recess.

**VACCINATIONS:**

It is recommended that all eligible individuals receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Vaccination has proven to be the most effective means for individual protection against COVID-19 and in halting the transmission of COVID-19. It is strongly recommended that unvaccinated individuals continue to mask until fully vaccinated (2 weeks after the last dose in series).

**EXCLUSION:**

Fully vaccinated individuals will not be quarantined with an exposure unless they are/become symptomatic. COVID-19 positive individuals will be excluded from school/activities for 10 days and 24 hour symptom improvement.