

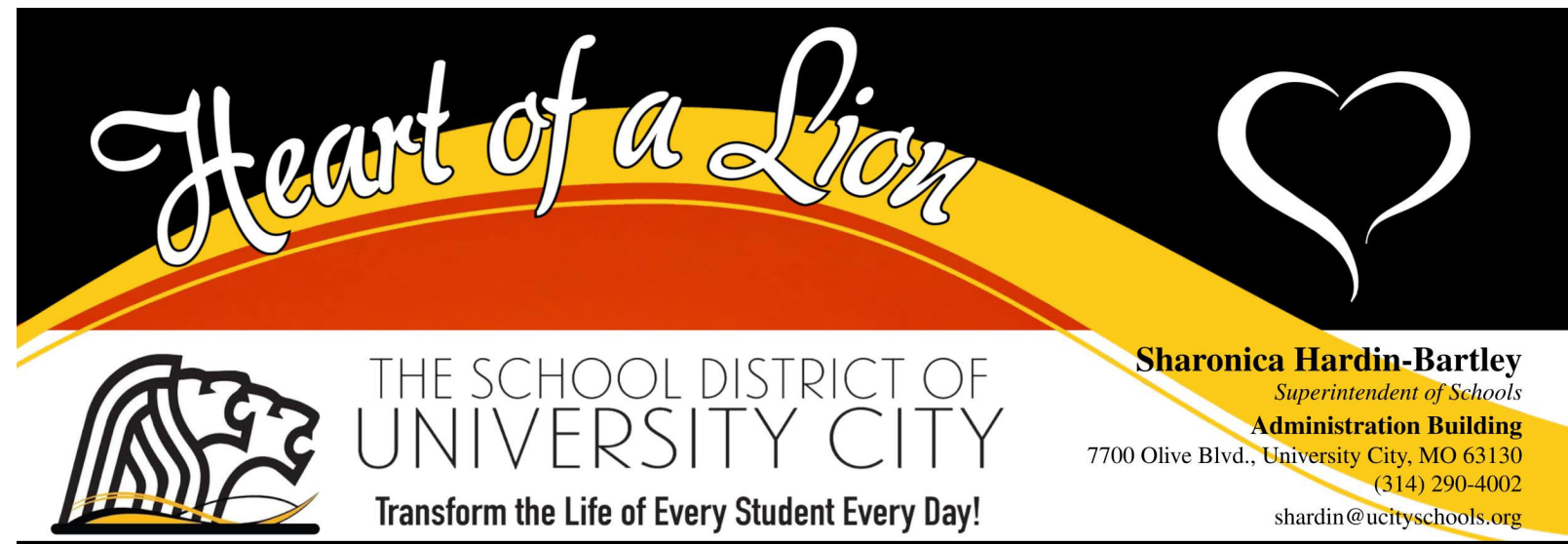


Mask requirements remain - updates to masking policy

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Hello University City Schools Parents, Caregivers and Staff:

Last night, the University City Board of Education approved my recommendation to revise the District's mask requirement. The recommendation is based on information from our trusted medical expert partners, CDC guidelines and current data regarding COVID-19 transmission in St. Louis County.

As of this time, we will continue with a mask-required policy. On Monday, students and staff attending Camp U or the Summer Learning Academy at the high school will still be required to wear masks inside buildings.

Under the new board approved recommendation, the District will base its mask requirement [on St. Louis County community level data](#) and current district transmission rates. The community level data evaluates the number of new cases and hospitalizations. The risks are either low, medium or high.

Green = Low Risk
Yellow = Medium Risk
Red = High Risk

When St. Louis County is in the yellow or red, masking will be required of all individuals in all school district buildings. When St. Louis County is in the green and the district has lower than a 1.5% transmission rate, the District will consider going mask-recommended for all individuals in all buildings, including students and staff.

This morning, St. Louis County switched from yellow to red. There is a higher risk for COVID-19 infection or hospitalization. That means, we will continue with a mask requirement in all buildings. If, and only if, St. Louis County moves to green and the District's transmission rate remains below 1.5%, this may change to mask-recommended.

U. City Schools continues to encourage COVID-19 vaccinations for all eligible students and staff. The District remains committed to the highest standards of health and safety when dealing with COVID-19, and I am confident that we are providing the best response for our students and staff and the entire University City community.

Next week, we will restart the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for the school's summer sessions as we welcome our students back into our buildings for summer programs. Parents and caregivers who have students attending Camp U can expect daily reminders to screen their children for symptoms of COVID-19 before coming to school buildings.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at shardin@ucityschools.org or on my cell phone at 314-399-0941. Thank you for your partnership as we continue to nurture our children with powerful in-person learning and experiences.

In Service of Our Children,

Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, PhD, PHR
Superintendent

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