



Masking in California & SSFUSD Presentation

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CDPH Guidance for Schools (Based on Science & Medical data)

- Masks have been one of the main strategies that have been required up to this point. A lot of data shows efficacy of mask wearing
- CA = 12% of student population in U.S. and 1% of school closures
- Now, masks in schools are *Strongly Recommended*



Board Direction & Next Steps

Board direction and approval

- On March 14th, the board voted to maintain the mask requirement in SSFUSD until April 18th.
- The Board agreed to transition to a strongly recommended status on outdoor masking, effective March 14th.

Next Steps

- On April 14th, the board will evaluate the impact and determine next steps regarding whether to maintain the masking requirement through the end of the year or transition to a strongly recommended status.



County COVID Rates Data (week of March 28- April 1)

- According to SMCH, county case numbers have stayed between 60-80 for a couple of weeks.
- Hospitalizations have been dropping and there are currently six people in the hospital in acute care for COVID.
- No one is in the ICU.
- The positivity rate is low and was @1.7% last week. The county also said that no one has been referred to its isolation hotels over the last couple of weeks.
- As of 4.4.22, when checked, cases in the City of South San Francisco – 180 (*in the last 30 days; data up to and including 3/31/2022*).
- In a meeting on 4.5.22, the Deputy Health Officer said that we should "still be cautious."



SSFUSD COVID Rates Data

Week of	# of Staff Cases	# of Student Cases	Total # of Cases
January 3	36	78	114
January 10	40	213	253
January 17	20	177	197
January 24	13	117	130
January 31	7	45	52
February 7	5	27	32
February 14	1	13	14
February 21	2	10	12
February 28	3	20	23
March 7	1	4	5
March 14	2	7	9
March 21	2	9	11
April 4	TBD	TBD	TBD



SSFUSD Proposals & Recommendations

- Current quantitative data and trends suggest it is time to transition to “strongly recommended” for masking in school.
- Some anecdotal data, however, indicates a desire from some in our community to maintain masks through the end of the school year.
- Given current county and district data and trends, and because we are a data- driven organization, staff recommends the following:

To transition to strongly recommend mask wearing effective April 19, 2022.

