



# FOWLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 45

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Dear FESD Family,

This letter is written to clarify our district's masking policy for all bus riders. The CDC and federal legislation require that "all passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school system, regardless of vaccination status"

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>).

In order to comply with this mandate, the Fowler School District will continue to enforce the mandatory masking policy for all bus riders until further notice.

In addition, all bus riders are required to provide their own personal masks. These masks may be disposable or made of cloth. If made of cloth, the mask shall conform to the CDC's guidance on homemade face coverings (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>). Any bus rider that forgets her/his mask will be provided with a mask for the day. This procedure is intended to be used if and only when a student forgets her/his mask for the day. A parent or guardian will be contacted if a student is continually forgetting her/his mask. No qualifying bus rider will be denied transportation access due to the lack of a mask. However, it is important that parents/guardians ensure that their child(ren) have a mask daily. *If you need assistance with providing a mask for your child(ren), please contact your school administrator.*

Lastly, if you would like to access our district's mitigation plan, please visit our district website, under the "Parent – COVID-19 Information" link (<https://www.fesd.org/COVID-19-Information>). The plan may be downloaded by selecting the "2021-2022 FESD & Healthy Verify Mitigation Plan" link. If you have any question about the contents of this letter, please see your school administrator.

Respectfully,

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