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MASKS TO BE TEMPORARILY REQUIRED INDOORS AT ALL PLANO ISD SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES

PLANO, TX, August 23, 2021 – Today, the Plano ISD Board of Trustees held an Emergency Meeting in which they approved a measure to temporarily require indoor masking at all Plano ISD schools, facilities and district-provided transportation. As [COVID-19 cases this year have already surpassed last year's peak numbers](#), this additional health and safety measure will be effective Thursday, August 26. This temporary measure will be effective through Friday, September 24, or until there is further guidance on GA-38 as a result of ongoing state and federal litigation or legislative action. A Mask Exemption Form is available for families who want to submit a medical, religious or philosophical exception for their child. This form will be live this evening and will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on August 25.

All students, teachers, staff members and visitors, including parents and volunteers, will be required to wear masks indoors at all district facilities and on school buses. Students and staff have the option to remove their masks while seated during meals and while outdoors. Specifically for athletics, performing arts and physical education, masks will be worn consistently except when the mask inhibits a student's full participation in the activity.

Plano ISD will continue to monitor trends and consult with Collin County Health Care Services and the Texas Education Agency. Any changes or updates to health protocols will be communicated to families across district communications channels, and the [Return to School Plan](#) will be updated as needed. As an added resource, the [Plano ISD COVID-19 Dashboard](#) was launched on Friday, August 20.

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About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) (www.pisd.edu) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs more than 7,000 staff members who serve more than 50,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.