

COVID-19 Mask Update

Dear Fargo Public Schools staff and families,

At the regular meeting of the Fargo Board of Education on May 11, 2021, the Board approved that beginning May 12, 2021, masks will not be required on elementary playgrounds or during outside activities at all schools. Students and staff considered a close contact from outdoor exposure to someone who tests positive for COVID-19 will not be prohibited from participating in educational and activity-related functions; however, the District reserves the right to exclude groups of students when multiple cases exist.

Additionally, the Board voted to suspend the Fargo Public Schools (FPS) Smart Restart Plan for the 2020-21 school year effective June 7, 2021. This means that the FPS Smart Restart Plan will not be in effect for summer school programming in FPS schools. Therefore, starting on June 7, schools will no longer implement all COVID-19 specific mitigation efforts outlined in the FPS Smart Restart Plan. Specifically, on June 7, face masks will be optional in our buildings, and schools will not conduct contact tracing. Families are encouraged to work with Fargo Cass Public Health and notify schools of a positive COVID-19 case.

If COVID-19 mitigation efforts are needed in the future or for the 2021-22 school year, those will be brought to the Board of Education.

I wish to thank all of our staff, students, and families for their diligent efforts over the course of this school year. The 2020-21 school year has not been easy due to the impacts of COVID-19. I look forward to a strong and healthy finish to our school year.

Sincerely,
Rupak Gandhi, Ph.D.
Superintendent

