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### **Mask Situational Policy 2021-2022** ***Approved by SFA SB January, 2022***

This policy goes into effect when the SFA Covid-19 positivity rates fall below 2% for two weeks and remain in effect as long as positivity rates remain below 2%. It is critical for all school families and staff to continuously monitor for symptoms and to stay home until 24 hour resolution without medication of fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or other possibly communicable conditions if we want to keep rates down and while we build our immune systems back up. Our common goal is keep everyone healthy and in school.

- Masks are optional except in certain situations
  - There is an in-class exposure – mask for 5 days
  - There is an activity such as one with a large mixed cohort of people in close quarters or one where there is a greater risk as determined by the adult in charge – mask for that one activity
  - The person themselves is just recovering from Covid or had an in-home exposure and has been home for 5 days – wear a mask for the other 5 days
- Students should bring a mask with them daily in case these or other situations arise and they are needed or required by the supervising adult.
- It is the duty of the parent to convey to their child whether or not they expect their child to be masked at school when masks are optional.
- SFA also moves to the shorter quarantine period once this policy goes into effect. Those who test positive for Covid-19 will be excluded from school for 5 days from the positive test results or as stated in the written medical documentation from the medical agency treating the child. To return, a student's symptoms must be resolved or resolving and the student must properly mask for another 5 days. If the student is unable or unwilling to mask properly for the additional 5 days, they should remain quarantined for the 10 days. Negative test results are not required for the child to return to school as long as the requirements as stated above are fulfilled.
- If a household member tests positive, other school-aged members of that family will be excluded from school 5 days from exposure. Testing is recommended on Day 5 but not required to return. If they remain asymptomatic they may return to school but must properly mask for the additional 5 days. These are the only additional exposures who will be required to quarantine.

\*\* Due to the fluid nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, this policy is subject to modification at any time.\*\*