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Team & Family,

Today Texas Governor Greg Abbott released updates to COVID mandates for the state. These changes include rescinding the state-wide mask requirement and public area capacity limits starting next week. At IDEA Public Schools, we remain steadfast in the belief that our health and safety protocols have been the key to mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and communities. Study after study has reaffirmed this belief, and we will continue to operate under the latest recommendations from the CDC, and local and state health authorities, in an effort to keep our scholars and communities safe.

We will continue to operate by our core safety protocols including:

- Health screenings before entering buildings
- Masks will be worn at all times
- Hand sanitation before entering building and throughout the school day
- Sanitation of frequently touched surfaces
- · Social distancing to the extent possible

In addition to the above protocols, we encourage staff to take advantage of the optional COVID-19 testing available at every school. We are also working around the clock to increase access to vaccines for Team & Family members who wish to get it! Please complete the survey sent to your inbox on Monday, and continue to check out the provider list on the Immunization Information Hub Site.

I ask you to remain vigilant and follow all recommended health and safety protocols both on and off campus. We are proud of the work our organization has done to minimize the spread of the disease in our offices and in our classrooms and I encourage each of you to continue to wear a mask, practice social distancing as much as possible, and help keep our campuses safe.

You can access our most up-to-date health recommendations, information and resources, our health and safety protocols, and links to the CDC and state health departments on our website at https://ideapublicschools.org/back2school2020/health-and-safety-information.

Stay Safe, Social Distance, and Wear a Mask,

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