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Outdoor Mask Guidance

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My name is Ryan Keedy, and I'm a parent of four young children here in Livermore, two of which are old enough to attend school at LVJUSD. I would like to thank the board for committing to in-person learning during the school year. In addition to aligning with state and national guidance, it respects that there is a balance to be struck between risks and opportunities. At this point in the pandemic, it has become clear to the public health community that the risk posed by COVID to children in the classroom is more than offset by the importance of in-person learning. Having assessed the risks and benefits, public health officials, including the California Department of Public Health, have recognized that the risk of transmission of COVID outdoors is insignificant and that masks should not be required of anyone under almost all circumstances. This includes specific guidance regarding safety measures for K-12 schools: "Masks are optional outdoors for all in K-12 school settings." (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>) I would ask that just as the school board members have wisely followed the public health consensus regarding in-person learning, they should also commit the district to following state and county public health guidelines which prescribe that masks are optional outdoors for all individuals in K-12 school settings. Thank you for your consideration.



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