

PINEYWOODS COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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RE: PK-12 Mask Requirement
Beginning Monday, February 1, 2021

Dear PCA Family,

The recent weeks have presented our community, state, and nation with new evidence concerning the spread of COVID-19. What we have learned is that many more children have contracted this virus which is alarming. A recent report from Cooks Children's Hospital in Fort Worth noted:

- The new strain is spreading faster in kids
- 2.7 million have tested positive
- Last 2 weeks 377,000 new cases in children; 16% increase
- Recently 2 children have died from the virus compared to only 1 previously since the virus began
- Children recover better than adults with only a 0.19% mortality rate

For the full story go to:

<https://www.google.com/search?q=covid+19+increases+in+children%3B+two+die+in+fort+worth&safe=active&ssui=on>

PCA nurses have noted that many of our students that were quarantined due to a family member testing positive showed no symptoms of COVID-19. However, when these same students were tested they tested positive.

With this new information, we are requiring all students, PK-12, to wear masks on campus. We have several students that already have this as their practice. We hope this will provide more defense against the spread of the virus and help PCA remain open with fewer contact tracing issues that require groups of students to quarantine. If you have questions, please contact your campus administration.

Thank you for being a Timberwolf!

Dr. Ken Vaughn, Director
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