



## LOSTANT COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 425

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Lostant Families

You are receiving this letter because of the Joint Committee of Administrative Rules (JCAR) ruling late yesterday afternoon. The JCAR struck down Governor Pritzker's request to renew the emergency COVID Mitigation Rules. Therefore, effective immediately and until further notice, facial coverings (masks) are no longer mandated to be worn at school.

1. The R.O.E. pushed out a notice to superintendents last week. The notice stated that the federal government has oversight of school bus transportation. Therefore, students who ride school buses must continue to wear a face mask while riding the bus.
2. While on school grounds, students, staff, and visitors may continue to wear face masks but are not required to do so.
3. We continue to encourage wearing a face mask.
4. We will not tolerate any type of bullying, intimidation, or harassment toward a student or adult who chooses to wear a face mask or chooses not to wear a face mask. If an incident of bullying, intimidation, or harassment occurs it should immediately be reported to Mrs. Goddard or Dr. Malahy.

We remain committed to providing a safe learning and teaching environment within the boundaries of the rule of law. If additional rulings are rolled out, we will inform you as soon as we receive information from the State Board of Education.

Educationally yours,

Dr. Malahy  
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