



DISTRICT FACE MASK UPDATE

TO: All District Employees
FROM: Nicole Baker, District Safety Manager
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SUBJECT: District Face Mask Update

Good Morning-

The CDC has revised guidance regarding mask-wearing that we will need to follow. Please see the information below:

- The purpose of masks is to keep respiratory droplets from reaching others to aid with source control. Masks with one-way valves or vents allow exhaled air to be expelled out through holes in the material. This can allow exhaled respiratory droplets to reach others and potentially spread the COVID-19 virus. **Therefore, CDC does not recommend using masks if they have an exhalation valve or vent.**

Given this updated guidance by the US Centers for Disease Control, we will amend our mask guidelines as follows: *All employees are required to wear a face mask/covering while at work. Masks with vents/valves are not considered sufficient to prevent the spread of COVID-19, so these style of masks will not be permitted.*

See the following link for further information from CDC:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.