

Parents,

On Friday, Governor Burgham lifted the statewide mandate requiring patrons of the state of North Dakota to wear masks. This mandate is lifted on Monday, January 18 at 8:00 am. Governor Burgham does still recommend masks be worn, but they will not be required when individuals can maintain a six foot distance. The wearing of masks in schools will be decided by local school boards. At our board meeting on Tuesday, January 12, the board discussed how this will affect the Newburg United School District moving forward. Below are the following changes beginning on Tuesday, January 19:

1. When students and staff are able to social distance in the classroom, masks will not be required to be worn.
2. In the 3-6 classrooms, plexiglass partitions will be completed in each room. These plexiglass cubicles will allow students not to be required to wear masks.
3. Staff will wear masks when they are not able to social distance within their classrooms.
4. Students will be asked to carry masks with them during the day. Students will still be required to wear masks in the hallways in between classes, on bus routes, and on buses to and from practices and games.
5. Parents and fans attending activities such as basketball games and concerts are still required to wear masks.

It is very difficult to social distance on our buses and in the hallways between classes. By requiring students to continue to wear masks, it will make sure students will not have to go home if someone tests positive. Under the new guidelines, when all individuals involved are wearing masks quarantining is not required unless individuals are exhibiting symptoms.

I would like to again thank everyone for their patience and support as we work through this pandemic.

Jason A. Kersten, Superintendent  
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