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Dear Parent or Guardian,

**In response to the increase in COVID-19 cases within our district and surrounding community, Pearsall Independent School District has issued a temporary indoor mask mandate, effective Monday, Aug. 30th.**

The amount of active COVID-19 cases in Frio county (132 active cases) remain high, while the percentage of vaccinated people in our county of people aged 12 and up remain low (43.64%). Due to health regulations, one-half of our student population (grades Pre-K through 5th/6th) do not yet have the option to receive a vaccination for COVID-19. For those that do have an option at the secondary level (grades 6th through 12th), the majority of our students have not received a vaccination for COVID-19. Additionally, on Wednesday, August 25th, 2021, there were (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases at Pearsall Intermediate School, and at Pearsall Junior High School, there were (5) COVID-19 confirmed cases reported in one day. This is the most cases we have experienced in one day, since the pandemic began. At Pearsall High School, there is currently (1) active COVID-19 case.

At Pearsall Independent School District, the safety of the students and staff is our first priority. To help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our district, the PISD School Board of Trustees have approved a temporary mask mandate. Beginning Monday, August 30th, all students, staff, and visitors at Pearsall ISD must wear face coverings at all indoor district facilities.

The combination of face covering, handwashing, and social distancing has proven to reduce the spread, and our hope is that these safety measures will continue to keep our students and staff safe while they are inside our buildings and at school.

Pearsall ISD will continue to inform the community about confirmed COVID-19 positive cases found in each campus. Pearsall ISD School Board of Trustees will also review the mask mandate on a monthly basis and make adjustments based on the health condition of the school and community. All COVID-related protocols are subject to change as circumstances evolve. We will be sure to keep you informed on our district website, social media, through the phone system, and through emails of significant changes that occur throughout the year.

Thank you and Stay Safe.

Dr. Robert Rodriguez  
PISD Superintendent