

Elko County School District



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Subject: State health officials determine outbreak over at Spring Creek Middle School

Dear Spring Creek Middle School community:

I am happy to share the news that at the conclusion of its 28-day infectious cycle, SCMS has shown a consistent and sustained lower COVID-19 transmission rate. As a result, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), has determined the outbreak status at the school to be over.

Per Directive 048, universal mask wearing for students at ECSD schools is NOT required if there is NO declared school-wide outbreak. However, students always have the option to wear face coverings inside District buildings if they elect to do so. All students exercising their options will be fully supported in their decision by District staff.

All school staff, parents, volunteers, visitors and guests continue to be required to wear face coverings while inside District buildings, regardless of vaccination status.

We know students benefit from in-person learning, and we all play a part in making sure we are following the prevention strategies in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19.

Moving forward, DPBH request that all schools, regardless of outbreak designation or not, follow mitigation measures highlighted in *Directive 048 Full Guidance: 2021-22 COVID-19 Guidelines for Prevention and Outbreak Control in School Settings*.

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Zander".

Interim Superintendent
Jeff Zander