

Tanque Verde Unified School District #13

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Dear TVUSD Community,

As governing board members, our goal is to provide the best education to TVUSD students that we can. Our amazing teachers, staff, and families work so hard on behalf of our district to make that happen. We thank all of you for your ongoing support and commitment to our students' learning.

In the last couple of weeks, we have had an increase in COVID-19 cases and quarantines due to children coming to school sick, athletic events, and spreading events outside of school. Our goal is always to keep our students in class, and for extracurricular activities to take place. This may become more difficult as we move into the holiday season, with indoor events happening and additional risks of community spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses.

To minimize illness, quarantines, and cancelled activities we need your help.

- We ask that you do not send sick children to school, whether they are sick with Covid or something else.
- If you, or a close contact, has tested positive for COVID-19, please do not send your child to school, or have them participate in any school related activities.
- We highly encourage all teachers, staff, students and school visitors to mask while in indoor spaces on our campuses.

The TVUSD governing board continues to support a layered mitigation strategy in an effort to keep COVID-19 cases and COVID-19 spread to a minimum. In addition to the mitigation measures above, TVUSD also provides Binax testing at all sites. We have also made adjustments to ventilation to increase air flow, and to class layouts to increase social distancing. Students are eating lunch outside as much as possible, and we continue to strongly encourage mask usage when indoors. We are also encouraged by news that the Pfizer vaccine has been submitted for emergency approval for children ages 5-11, which we hope will help keep children in school.

We thank you in advance for your assistance in keeping our children healthy and in school. As we continue to navigate our way through this school year, we implore everyone to work together with kindness and respect, towards our shared goal of providing our students with the high-quality education for which Tanque Verde Unified School District is known.

Warmest regards,

TVUSD Governing Board

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