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October 28, 2021

ACE & YouthWorks Students & Families,

This week, the **Tucson Youth Development (TYD)** Board of Directors approved a face mask/covering requirement for all TYD buildings and campuses. ***This requirement is in effect for anyone two (2) years of age or older inside our buildings, regardless of their vaccination status.*** This requirement goes into effect immediately, and includes all three (3) TYD locations: **ACE Charter High School, YouthWorks Charter High School, and Tucson Youth Development**. [A recent decision in Maricopa County Superior Court allows Arizona schools and districts to require face masks/coverings.](#)

The [high rate of transmission in Pima County](#), along with [the extremely contagious Delta variant](#) and [recent studies](#) continue to support the use of face masks/coverings in our buildings. Based on an study of Arizona schools, researchers found that schools *without* a face mask/covering requirement were 3.7 times *more likely* to experience an outbreak of COVID-19 than schools with this requirement.

In addition to the face mask/covering requirement, we continue to use these COVID-19 safety measures that are [based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#):

1. Physical/social distancing (to the greatest extent possible)
2. Weekly pooled COVID-19 testing (for staff and students)
3. Frequent handwashing and sanitization of work areas
4. Encouraging students and staff to stay home when they are sick
5. Encouraging all students and staff to become vaccinated against COVID-19

A copy of the Board-approved Face Mask/Covering Requirement is attached to this communication. If you have immediate questions please contact your school Principal: **Ms. Gina Herchenhahn (ACE)** and **Mr. Robert Aranda (YouthWorks)**.

Lastly, working with the [Pima County Health Department](#) (PCHD), TYD is hosting COVID-19 vaccination events in the weeks ahead. ***These events are free and open to the public.*** All three (3) vaccines, and approved booster shots will be available. We ***strongly encourage all individuals that are able to be vaccinated*** (12 years of age and older) to become protected against this virus. In addition to these events, PCHD has a [list of other upcoming vaccination events listed on their website](#).

TYD Vaccination Event Dates, Times and Locations

1. **Thursday, November 4**, 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM, ACE Charter HS, 1929 N. Stone Ave
2. **Wednesday, November 17**, 2:00 – 5:00 PM, YouthWorks Charter HS, 1915 E. 36th St
3. **Thursday, November 18**, 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM, Tucson Youth Development, 1901 N. Stone Ave

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Olguin
Executive Director/Superintendent

"Equipping Pima County Youth to gain employment, achieve self-sufficiency, and reach career potential through education and training."

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TUCSON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, ACE
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL AND YOUTHWORKS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**

FACE MASK REQUIREMENT – OCTOBER 27, 2021

Effective immediately, [in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), face masks/coverings are **required** for any person, two (2) years of age or older, while indoors at any **Tucson Youth Development (TYD)** location/campus:

- **Tucson Youth Development**, 1901 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85705
- **ACE Charter High School**, 1929 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85705
- **YouthWorks Charter High School**, 1915 E. 36th Street, Tucson, Arizona 85713

1. Face masks/coverings must contain two or more layers of a breathable fabric that is tightly woven to prevent passthrough. In addition, the face mask/covering should be a solid piece of material without punctures or valves, and fit tightly but comfortably against the face.

Additional guidance regarding masks is available at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

2. Face masks/coverings may be taken down when eating more than 6 feet away from others.
3. Face masks do **not** need to be worn when a staff member is *alone* in their *confined* office or workspace.
4. Face masks/coverings may be provided, budget permitting.
5. Exceptions may be available for individuals with a medical condition or disability. This includes but is not limited to intellectual, psychiatric, developmental or cognitive conditions or disabilities.
 - **Student exceptions** must be documented by our Exceptional Education staff in a 504 Plan, Health Care Plan, or by an Individualized Education Program (IEP).
 - **Staff exceptions** must be documented by our Human Resources staff.