



Dear SFX Community,

We had an incredible day with our grandparents and grandfriends! I want to thank everyone for your continued support as we look to a two day week before Thanksgiving break.

We continue to track Covid-19 data (both local SFX data and county data), consult with medical professionals, and take into consideration applicable Covid-19 guidelines.

Listed below is data that was used to determine updates to our SFX mask policy:

- ***Preschool will continue optional indoor masking.***
 - SFX November data in preschool is zero cases and zero quarantines.
 - Preschool students should still have a mask in their backpacks. In larger gatherings, such as Mass or big indoor school events, masks will be required. Should we begin to see cases in preschool (which we hope is not the case), please note that we reserve the right to amend our policy to require masks. All faculty/staff and any adult on campus will still be required to wear a mask indoors.
- ***K-8 will continue required indoor masking through Friday, December 3. Another update will come on that day.***
 - SFX October data in grades K-8 was 13 cases and 20 quarantines. This was more cases than September but fewer quarantines. Specifically, we had fewer cases in the last two weeks of the month compared to the first two weeks of the month.
 - SFX November data in grades K-8 is 0 cases and 2 quarantines. ***This is great news as we have seen a significant decline in cases and quarantines at SFX. We are looking for stability with these***



numbers and we also understand that Thanksgiving is coming up with lots of travel.

- Maricopa County's latest Covid-19 school dashboard update shows the county remains in high transmission, with current cases at 307 per 100,000 residents and test positivity at 12% for the prior full week (11/7 to 11/13).
- There are currently 271 active school Covid-19 outbreaks within the county. Of those, 241 active Covid-19 outbreaks are in elementary/middle schools (K-8).

With the return of in-person events like the one we celebrated today, I am grateful we are getting closer to adjusting our mitigation efforts against Covid-19. I hope you all have a great weekend.

Peace,

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