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Heritage Academy Families and Staff,

As many of you have heard from the news this week, On Tuesday, March 2, Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced he was rescinding previously announced executive orders on March 10, including the requirement to wear masks in public. Governor Abbott's executive order noted that individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings and that nothing in the executive order precludes businesses or other establishments from requiring employees or customers to wear a face covering. Regarding Texas public schools, the executive order states that public schools operate under the health and safety guidelines of the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

In accordance with current Heritage Academy policy and current Texas Education Agency guidance regarding Health and Hygiene Practices in our schools, all Heritage Academy schools and our District office will continue to follow the Health and Hygiene Practices below for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Every student, teacher, or staff member shall wear a mask over the nose and mouth when inside a school building, school facility, facility used for school activities, or when in an outdoor space on school property or used for school activities, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household; provided, however, that this mask requirement does not apply to the following: Any person younger than 10 years of age, except where a school system determines it is developmentally appropriate; Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a mask; Any person while the person is consuming food or drink, or is seated in a dining area to eat or drink; Any person while the person is: (a) exercising outdoors or engaging in physical activity outdoors; and (b) maintaining a safe distance from other people not in the same household; or Any person while the person is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience.

The Health and Safety of Heritage Academy staff and students while in our schools is of utmost importance. In addition, our current mitigation strategies have worked to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our school locations. We will continue to monitor local districts policies, CDC guidance, and local COVID-19 infection rates and if changes to this policy become necessary we will notify you at that time.

We appreciate your continued support throughout this pandemic with our goal to have all students back in school as soon as possible. As a reminder, all Heritage Academy schools remain open and your children are welcome to attend in person or online. If you need additional information, please let us know by contacting your local campus principal.

Sincerely,

Robert Davison
Chief Executive Officer