



# Appendix C

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## FW PSIC- Mask Guidance

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Dear PSIC Members,

As reported by a number of media outlets throughout the morning, Governor Pritzker confirmed this afternoon the issuance of a universal mask mandate for all Pre-K thru 12 schools to further enforce the CDC's guidance issued last week.

Gov. Pritzker Announces Mask Mandate for All Illinois Schools This Fall

The mandate requires students, teachers and visitors of schools (regardless of vaccination status) to wear a face covering while indoors. In addition to the school day the Governor advised masks would be required for indoor sports and activities. Outdoor sports and activities were not included in the mandate and remain at a district's discretion which should take into account transmission levels in the respective community.

As the Governor noted, adjustments to this mandate will inevitably occur with significant factors being the availability of a vaccine for those 12 years of age & under and updated CDC guidance; however for the time being the decision to mask or not has been taken out of individual districts' hands.

While it likely goes without saying, we will confirm prudent risk management guidance would be to follow the Governor's mandate and require masks in all of your school district facilities. Failure to adhere to a universal mask mandate at this time would foreseeably in danger a district's Tort Immunities as it regards protection against COVID related legal allegations.

As always, we would encourage each of you to continue seeking counsel from your district's respective legal firms as you look to finalize policies/procedures for what again looks to be another not so normal school year.

Should you have any questions on the above please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or another member of our Gallagher PSIC Team.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

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