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Arizona Medical Association Applauds Arizona Supreme Court Decision on Universal Masking for K-12 Schools

November 3, 2021 (Phoenix) — The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) applauds the Arizona Supreme Court for confirming the ban on universal masking in schools violates the state’s constitution. This ruling is a triumph for public health, as it will allow school districts to implement mitigation measures based on public health experts’ recommendations.

“Public health is a top priority for Arizona physicians,” stated Dr. Miriam Anand, ArMA president. “The COVID-19 pandemic has brought the interdependence of public health and politics into sharp focus. However, it is essential we separate politics from public health when making decisions that will impact the health and safety of Arizonans. Giving schools and other entities the autonomy to assess the needs of their community and implement mitigation measures based on those needs is strong public health policy.”

While the Arizona Supreme Court’s decision is heavily-based on policy and procedures, the [data clearly supports](#) the benefits of mask policies associated with COVID-19 outbreaks in Arizona schools. ArMA encourages Arizonans to follow CDC guidelines related to masking, social distancing, and COVID-19 vaccination. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, ArMA urges you to consult with your physician.

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