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Arizona Medical Association Responds to Court Ruling Concerning Mask Mandates in K-12 Schools

August 18, 2021 (Phoenix) — Amid an increase in the politicization of public health, the Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) remains in strong support of public health policy that prioritizes the safety of Arizonans. The Maricopa County Superior Court’s recent ruling — which holds that the Arizona law prohibiting schools from enforcing mask mandates does not go into effect until September 29, 2021 — will allow Arizona school districts to take appropriate and evidence-based measures against COVID-19 to prioritize the health of their students and communities.

“While the ruling is not a permanent solution, ArMA is encouraged by the fact that school districts will be able to utilize a range of COVID-19 mitigation strategies to keep their students safe as the school year begins,” stated Miriam Anand, MD, President of ArMA. “Implementing the recommended guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is pivotal; with many children not yet eligible for vaccination, masking is the best line of defense school districts have against COVID-19, which is once again on the rise in our state.”

Regardless of the politics surrounding public health, ArMA will continue to be a fierce and vocal advocate of following science-based recommendations to protect our community. Arizona physicians are solely focused on the health and wellbeing of Arizonans. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, ArMA strongly urges you to have a discussion with your doctor.

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