

MEMORANDUM

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021
To: AVANCE-Houston Families
From: Luz Flores, Executive Director
CC: Chief Leadership Team

Subject: Updated Information about Masks and Houston Methodist

Dear AVANCE Families,

Last week, a new executive order was issued by Governor Abbott which prohibits governmental entities, including school districts, from requiring or mandating that any person wear a face covering after June 4, 2021. Because our organization is not considered a governmental entity or a school district that must adjust its policies in response to this Order, after careful consideration, we have determined our programs will continue operating under our current policy of requiring the use of appropriate face coverings in our facilities and centers at all times, regardless of vaccination status. We have made this decision because the health and safety of all of our children and staff is our top priority.

Nevertheless, we know we are all eager to resume pre-COVID realities. AVANCE Houston remains committed to monitoring ongoing developments and will make future operational recommendations based on new developments and evolving CDC guidance. In response, we will continuously monitor and update COVID-19 protocols as needed.

We are also excited to announce our partnership with Houston Methodist. As you know, Houston Methodist is a well-known and respected healthcare provider throughout the greater Houston area. As a part of this new collaboration, Houston Methodist will be providing COVID-19 vaccines at an AVANCE location very soon. Houston Methodist is vaccinating those age 12 and above and we would like to invite our staff and their families, as well as the families we serve, to participate. We will provide more information about this partnership and when and where you can receive a vaccine through AVANCE shortly.

If you have any questions about our COVID-19 protocols, upcoming vaccination event or anything else above, please contact your center administrator or program director.

Stay well and be safe,



Luz E. Flores.