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USD 415 board approves temporary mask mandate

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha School Board in a special meeting Tuesday morning voted unanimously to require everyone to wear face masks in the district's school buildings for a two-week period, beginning Wednesday.

The mask mandate will remain in place until the beginning of the school day on Tuesday, September 14.

All students currently in quarantine due to close contact will be allowed to return to school as long as they are asymptomatic.

The action followed a lengthy discussion and after the board heard an update on COVID cases from Superintendent Lonnie Moser.

As of Tuesday, Moser reported there were 109 students in quarantine and 15 students who had tested positive for COVID-19. The largest number of students in quarantine was at the high school.

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