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MOAAP STATEMENT ON MASKS IN SCHOOLS

MISSOURI - The Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (MOAAP) today released the following statement:

"We must place multiple layers of protection around children to keep them healthy, safe and learning in-person. In addition to vaccinations for those who are eligible, masking, distancing, testing and proper cleaning and ventilation can reduce the spread of the virus.

Children under 12 don't have access to COVID-19 vaccines yet, and it's up to the rest of us to protect them while cases continue to spread. Masks are a medically proven, key public health tool in preventing disease transmission and we strongly recommend their use in schools."

A NOTE: Of any group of professionals, physicians and health care providers understand the value of masks in the prevention of respiratory disease transmission. For more than 100 years, surgeons have been using this simple intervention to prevent transmission of preventable disease to and from patient to physician, and over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, the value of masks in preventing the spread of COVID-19 has been demonstrated with overwhelming evidence. As children return to the classroom for another year of school amidst the pandemic,

the implementation of this simple, cost-effective, and life-saving intervention is fully recommended and endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

About Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

The Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (MOAAP) is a membership organization with over 1,000 physicians, trainees, and pediatric providers across the state. MOAAP's mission is to promote the health of Missouri's children through advocacy, education, and collaboration. Visit: www.missouriaap.org.

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