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RE: Updated Health Guidance and District Procedures - Masks Optional (March 7, 2022)

Dear **Florham Park Parents/Guardians and Staff**,

As communicated on [February 8, 2022](#), Governor Murphy has lifted the masking mandate effective March 7, 2022 and the district has decided to make masks *optional* at the parents' discretion for the Florham Park School District starting on March 7th. Additionally, effective March 7th, masks are no longer required for those on our school buses as well.

In consultation with our local health department, our neighboring districts and the guidance of local, state, and federal agencies, the Florham Park School District will be implementing the following protocols effective March 7, 2022 when masks are *optional* due to improved health metrics in our district and region. We will continue to consult with our local health department and others to adjust our protocols/procedures accordingly.

Quarantine/Isolation from School for Positive Individuals

- All individuals who test positive, regardless of vaccine status, will be required to quarantine/isolate from school for FIVE full days. (*Day of symptoms is day 0; if asymptomatic, day the test was performed is day 0*).
- If asymptomatic on day FIVE, return to school on day SIX.
- If symptomatic on day FIVE, remain isolated until symptoms resolve and fever-free for at least 24 hours. (*Fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication*)
- It is recommended that all positive individuals wear a mask on days 6-10 of their return to school.

Quarantine/Isolation from School for Symptomatic Individuals

- All individuals who are symptomatic, with *no known potential exposure to COVID-19* in the last 5 days may return to school 24 hours after symptoms resolve and fever-free for at least 24 hours. (*Fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication*)
- All individuals who are symptomatic, with *a known exposure to COVID-19 in the last five days* must be quarantined/isolated for FIVE days from the date of last exposure.
- It is recommended that symptomatic individuals with COVID-19 exposure wear a mask on days 6-10 of their return to school.

Reminders to our School Community:

- Individuals will continue to be notified if they are identified as a Close Contact.
- Unless fully vaccinated, household members of an individual who tests positive must also quarantine unless they are able to fully isolate away from the positive individual.
- If your child is awaiting the results of a COVID test, please keep your child home and await further guidance from your health care provider.
- We will continue to provide live-streaming to our classrooms to those students who require quarantine/isolation related to COVID.

- Masking on school buses is no longer required effective Monday, March 7, 2022.
- Please continue to maintain social distancing when practical.
- Please continue to wash your hands with soap and water and cover all coughs/sneezes appropriately.
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be available to all members of our school community.

Students and staff members can continue to wear masks if they choose and should make the best decision based on their personal situation. Everyone's choice will be respected, and we will not tolerate anyone being demeaned or bullied. Our building principals have already communicated our expectations to our school communities. Parents, we ask that you also speak with your child(ren) separately about the importance of respecting the choices of others. For those families choosing to have their children continue to wear a mask, please work with your child on responsible mask-wearing, as our staff will not be directed to monitor this.

March 7th serves as an exciting moment when we, as a school community, are able to take a giant step forward to a more *normalized*, less restrictive educational environment, an experience that each student deserves, after nearly two years of the pandemic. Please reach out to your building principal or school nurse should you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience

Sincerely,

Steven Caponegro

Dr. Steven Caponegro

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you." - Walt Whitman