



Little Falls Township Public Schools



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Hello Hornet Families,

I can hardly believe that we are approaching the two-year mark of the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. During these two years, we have been diligently working and planning in collaboration with the health department to make sure that we provided the safest environment for our staff and students, while still maintaining their social, emotional, and academic needs. Today, I write to inform you of our latest procedural changes and updates.

Beginning Monday, March 7, 2022:

- Masks will be **optional** at all times on and around school grounds
- Masks will be **optional** on school buses
- Quarantine protocols will remain the same
 - Staff/students who test positive 10 days
 - Unvaccinated staff/students who are direct contact 10 days without being tested or return on day 8 with a negative test on any days 5-7
- If the COVID-19 CALI Report Shows High activity (orange) in our region, masks will become mandatory in school buildings and buses, but will remain optional outdoors
- If the COVID-19 CALI Report Shows Very High (red) in our region, masks will become mandatory at all times while in school buildings and buses, as well as while outdoors (except for mask breaks)
- **It is extremely important to note that these protocols may change in the event that we receive new guidance from the NJDOH or NJDOE.**

It is important to remember that the option of wearing or not wearing a mask is each family's personal preference. Please be mindful and respectful of each other during this transition. Additionally, the District will strictly enforce HIB policies and procedures when it comes to anyone being bullied as a result of wearing or not wearing a mask. If your child is struggling in any regard to masks, please contact your principal so that we can provide the proper supports. If your child is vaccinated and you have not already done so, please provide your school nurse with the proper documentation.

As always, it is our pleasure to care for your children and work ALL TOGETHER to keep them healthy. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. We are always here for you.

Be well,

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