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Dear Whitefish Bay School Community,




Thank you to all of our families as we continue to navigate through COVID-19 challenges and commit to keeping students safe and in schools for the 2021-22 school year.

In recent weeks, there has been an increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases both in our schools and in the greater North Shore community.

At this time, there is no immediate change in our previously established guidance and mask-wearing remains optional. However, we want to reiterate that students, staff, and community members have the option to wear masks in our schools. Please consider and reflect upon your masking options with the knowledge that COVID-19 cases are increasing and by prioritizing our collective commitment to keep students safe and in schools for the 2021-22 school year.

Again, there is no immediate change related to previously established mask-wearing guidance in our schools. The criteria for a change in mask-wearing guidance is included on the next page.

For additional information related to COVID-19, please visit our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#). If you have specific questions related to your student, please reach out to the District COVID-19 Hotline at 414-963-3863.

<b>Criteria One (DISTRICT)</b> North Shore Burden Rate	$< 350$		$\geq 350$
<b>Criteria Two (SCHOOLS)</b> % of Positive Cases in a School	$< 1.0\%$	$1.0 \leq \% \text{ Positive} < 3.0$	$\geq 3.0\%$
	Masks are <b>optional, but recommended</b> to be worn by all adults and students.		Masks are <b>required</b> to be worn by all.
	Optional quarantine for all close contacts if asymptomatic.  The District will follow CDC protocols for positive cases within home. Unvaccinated close contacts within the same household to a positive individual must quarantine.		
	Individuals who are symptomatic or have a positive COVID-19 test will isolate, per District protocols in the <a href="#">In-Person Learning Plan</a> . Positive COVID-19 test results include a positive PCR test, antigen test, or home test (a 3rd party test required for staff).		

North Shore Community Burden Rate and School Positivity Rates will be tracked M, W, and F as long as this data remains available.

- **Criteria One (DISTRICT)** - If the North Shore Burden Rate is greater than or equal to 350 on a Friday, then masks will be **required by all** in the District beginning the following Monday, continuing for two weeks.
- **Criteria Two (SCHOOLS)** - Regardless of the North Shore Burden rate, if a school's positivity rate is greater than or equal to 3.0% on a Friday, masks will be **required for that specific school** beginning the following Monday, continuing for 2 weeks.

Either of these two criteria will result in masking as indicated above. Mask requirement exceptions are found in the District's [In-Person Learning Plan](#).