



March 4, 2022

Dear HFA Parent(/)Guardian(s) and Students,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated the policy for wearing masks in public and specifically in schools. With this update, CDC only recommends universal school masking in communities at the **High Level**. Wayne County is currently at the **Medium Level**. The level of cases decreased by 35% last week. [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#). The rate of transmission continues to fall.

Beginning Monday, March 7, 2022 wearing masks at HFA will be “**OPTIONAL**” for staff and students. Families that have immune compromised residents in their households should discuss whether they want their student to continue to wear a mask. At no time will students or staff be discriminated against for their vaccination or mask-wearing preferences.

We have a limited supply of Covid At-Home Tests available for families. Attached is a letter with instructions on how to secure your kit. If your student has symptoms or tests positive for Covid they should still isolate themselves at home.

Public health prevention strategies can be dialed up when communities experience more severe disease and dialed down when things are more stable. We will continue to monitor the landscape and make changes in policy as needed.

Sincerely,

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Principal/Superintendent