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2021-2022 School Year

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## Important Update on Mask Requirement

Good Morning Livonia Public Schools Staff and Community,

As you may be aware, the Wayne County Health Department (WCHD) has issued a notice stating they **anticipate** lifting its Emergency Order requiring face masks in educational settings as of February 28. This is in response to a turning point in the recent COVID-19 surge, as cases and hospitalizations have significantly declined in our county as well as our District.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, Livonia Public Schools will follow Wayne County's health guidance, and modify our current mitigation measures to reflect that face masks will not be required within our schools and District buildings, effective on the date Wayne County confirms will be the end to its mandate.

Once the mandate is lifted, families and staff may make individual choices regarding masking based on their own circumstances. Individuals may choose to wear a mask in LPS facilities and masks will continue to be made available for those who request one. Our district values the tenets of respectful interactions and is confident that our students, families and staff will treat one another with respect with regards to their personal choice.

### ***Two areas when masks will still be required, based on federal or state guidelines:***

\*The federal mask requirement for public transportation remains in place. This includes school buses, therefore, *students and staff will still be required to wear a face mask on school buses.*

\*Additionally, MDHHS guidance for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 allows a return to work/school after the 5th day if there are no worsening symptoms. The individual may return on the 6th day, *but must mask through Day 10.* For more information on quarantines, click [HERE](#).

LPS continues to maintain multiple layers of mitigation measures that are recommended by health experts, including the CDC. These are good practices not only in response to COVID-19 but for many viruses, therefore the district will continue with the following:

- Encouraging frequent hand washing, use of sanitizer, and good respiratory etiquette
- Utilizing enhanced cleaning and disinfection procedures
- Operating our updated building ventilation systems
- Making available products such as hand sanitizer and face masks
- Requesting use of family and staff self-screener prior to arriving at school buildings
- Urging all to stay at home if sick

Wayne County and LPS will continue to closely monitor key indicators and we will keep our community informed of any changes or updates.

Thank you,  
Andrea Oquist, Superintendent