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Dear Center School District Family,

The Centers for Disease Control released Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People. This guidance states that “fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.”

However, contained within that guidance is an important caveat: CDC’s school guidance has remained unchanged. In response to a question about masks in schools, the CDC states: **“As of now, the CDC’s school guidance remains unchanged. Most students will still be unvaccinated, and schools should follow CDC’s guidance for schools.”**

Following CDC guidance, the Center School District will continue to require masks while inside all school facilities.

Below are the updates that will continue through the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year.

- Masks are still required indoors at CSD facilities for students and adults.
- Masks are now optional for students and adults when outdoors- when they can safely socially distance and physical activity may be occurring. (School leaders have guidance on specific activities.)
- Students will continue to be separated by class at recess, and students will still be required to wear masks on the bus and all health and safety cleaning, and sanitation processes will continue.
- These revisions do NOT impact quarantine guidance. All individuals who identify as positive for COVID and their close contacts who are not fully vaccinated will be required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure. (Kansas City Public Health Department requires 14-day quarantines) Again, our current quarantine and contact tracing practices are not changing currently.)

Also, important to note, Starlight Theater is hosting Graduation for CSD Graduates on May 24, 2021 and the facility will require all individuals on-site to wear masks as they enter the site.

We will assess mask guidelines and determine if any needed updates will occur prior to the start of the 2021-2022 academic year, as requirements and ordinances continue to evolve.

Thank you,

The Center School District Leadership Team