

Dear HOPE Parents and Staff:

As you may be aware, the City of Racine mask mandate will be reinstated as of September 4th, 2021. In a recent meeting, the Racine Health Department stated that the mask mandate will include schools. We will, at this time, the Racine Health Department's approved health and safety plan for HOPE schools which requires the following actions starting on **Tuesday, September 7th, 2021.**

1. All scholars, staff, and visitors will be required to wear masks when present in our schools regardless of their vaccination status.
2. We will still follow CDC guidelines around keeping all areas of our schools sanitized.
3. Scholars will remain in cohorts to reduce any possible virus spread.
4. Scholars will continue to be served breakfast and lunch in wrapped individual portions, and scholars' meals/snacks will be consumed in their individual classroom settings.
5. Hand sanitizer will always be available in classrooms, hallways, offices, and community spaces. Scholars with fevers or other symptoms of COVID will be isolated from other students until a parent/guardian arrives to take them home.

I personally want to thank all of you for your cooperation and support during this school year as we travelled a unique path balancing ongoing education for our scholars while preventing the spread of COVID infections in our schools.

Let us give thanks to our merciful Father, the Father who never left our side during our struggles and challenges.

Blessings to you and your families,

Casandra Delgado
Principal