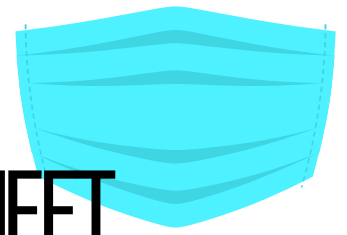


# Reasons for MASKING UP QUICK SHEET



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## PROMOTE CONSISTENT, IN-PERSON LEARNING

With universal masking in our schools, we will significantly reduce the disruption caused by quarantining due to being a close contact.

## PROTECT AGAINST VARIANTS

A variant of COVID-19, called the Delta variant, is the dominant strain in Dane County. The Delta variant is more transmissible and even those who are vaccinated can spread it.

## FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE

Guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools from the CDC, AAP, and local public health recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.

## IN ADDITION

Dane County is in the "HIGH" category of community transmission. Any community with a "substantial" or "high" level of transmission is recommended by the CDC to mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Visit our Health & Safety page for up-to-date masking requirements, recommendations and/or exemptions.