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Superintendent, Principal

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Dear Families,

I just wrote a note to the staff asking, “Isn’t it March that is supposed to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb?” It seems like January is bringing the New Year in like a lion! The bad weather the first week back—all the warnings about the Omicron variant in the state, many local schools going remote—Paterson is not going remote, but we have had our share of exposure to this variant. I thank you for your diligence and I have a big ask!

Thank you! While some of our students and staff have tested positive for the variant, many are quarantining as close contacts, and many others are staying home because they have some symptoms and are unsure if they have the virus. I understand the hardship quarantining places on families, and I want to thank every family who has diligently quarantined or who has voluntarily kept their child home because they just want to be safe. That is thoughtful and kind of you all; so, thank you so very much! I keep praying that we will be out of the pandemic soon. For the families who have actually caught the variant, my prayers have been and continue to be with you.

The ask is that you all continue to be vigilant and keep your children home if they are sick or if someone in your household is experiencing some of the symptoms of the virus. The staff would much rather have a student out for a day or two than to have a large number of a class in quarantine. I know this is a big ask, so, thank you in advance for doing this.

While the roar of the lion is loud this month, the laughter, academic discussion, and joy of the students is even louder. Our 5-8th grade students are ready to show off their academic prowess to their schoolmates on Friday when they present their Day of the Notable studies and their National History Day projects. The K-5 students all started their FFA work and their Spanish classes. Students are busy reading novels, learning math, and their lessons about Martin Luther King Jr. decorate our halls.

January may not go out like a lamb, we may have to wait for March, but I assure you that as we enter February we will accept any challenge that comes our way. We are the Pioneers and that is what pioneers do. We are also very hopeful that if we can hold tight and follow the rules, we will get through this variant and continue serving all of our families.

On our site, you will find the latest COVID procedures for schools. I hope this helps you as you navigate these waters. Additionally, you will find a copy of a letter we sent out in September... we made it through the rough waters in the fall--- we can do it again.

Have a wonderful end of January.

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Families:

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Reminder of the COVID-19 Attestation for Paterson School Families

I attest that I will check my children that attend Paterson School for the following symptoms of COVID-19 daily and will only send them to school if I feel it is safe for the health and welfare of the students and staff members of Paterson School District.

1. Are they experiencing any of the following symptoms that cannot attribute to another health condition: (*If so, please keep them home*)
 - New fever or feeling feverish (such as chills or sweating)?
 - New cough?
 - New shortness of breath?
 - New sore throat?
 - New headache?
 - New gastrointestinal symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting or diarrhea?
 - New respiratory symptoms, such as a runny nose or congestion?
 - New fatigue?
 - New muscle pain or body aches?
 - New loss of taste or smell?
2. If unvaccinated, within the past 14 days, have they had contact with anyone that you know to have COVID19 or COVID-like symptoms. (Contact is being 6 feet or closer for cumulative total of 15 minutes or more with an infected person over a 24-hour period, or having direct contact with fluids from a person with COVID-19 -for example, being coughed or sneezed on).
3. Has had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days.
4. Within the past 14 days, a public health or medical professional has not told them to self-monitor, self-isolate, or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19 infection.

If you answer "yes" to any of the above questions:

- You must keep your child home
- Contact your health care provider for medical guidance.

Symptoms of Covid-19

We encourage you to watch for any symptoms of COVID-19 in your child.

Symptoms could include any of the following:

- Fever of 100.4°F / 38°C or higher
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



Familias:

En caso de que no se haya enterado, puede solicitar kits de prueba de COVID-19 gratuitos en
<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Certificación COVID-19 para familias de la escuela de Paterson

Doy fe de que controlaré a mis hijos que asisten a la escuela de Paterson para detectar los siguientes síntomas de COVID-19 todos los días y solo los enviaré a la escuela si creo que es seguro para la salud y el bienestar de los estudiantes y miembros del personal del distrito escolar de Paterson.

1. ¿Están sus hijos experimentando alguno de los siguientes síntomas que no pueden atribuirse a otra condición de salud? (Si es así, déjelos en casa)

- ¿Tiene fiebre nueva o se siente febril (como escalofríos o sudoración)?
- ¿Tos nueva?
- ¿Nueva dificultad para respirar?
- ¿Nuevo dolor de garganta?
- ¿Nuevo dolor de cabeza?
- ¿Nuevos síntomas gastrointestinales, como náuseas, vómitos o diarrea?
- ¿Nuevos síntomas respiratorios, como secreción nasal o congestión?
- ¿Nueva fatiga?
- ¿Nuevos dolores musculares o corporales?
- ¿Nueva pérdida del gusto o del olfato?

2. Si no ha sido vacunado, en los últimos 14 días, ¿ha tenido contacto con alguien que usted sabe que tiene COVID19 o síntomas similares al COVID? (El contacto es estar a 6 pies o menos por un total acumulado de 15 minutos o más con una persona infectada durante un período de 24 horas, o tener contacto directo con líquidos de una persona con COVID-19, por ejemplo, toser o estornudar).

3. Ha tenido una prueba COVID-19 positiva para virus activo en los últimos 10 días.

4. En los últimos 14 días, un profesional médico o de salud pública no les ha dicho que se autocontrolen, se aíslen o se pongan en cuarentena debido a preocupaciones sobre la infección por COVID-19.

Si responde "sí" a cualquiera de las preguntas anteriores:

- Debe mantener a su hijo en casa
- Comuníquese con su proveedor de atención médica para obtener orientación médica.

Los síntomas pueden incluir cualquiera de los siguientes:

- Fiebre de 100.4 F/38 C o mas
- Tos
- Falta de aliento o dificultad para respirar
- Escalofrios
- Fatiga
- Dolor muscular o dolores corporales
- Dolor de cabeza
- Nueva Perdida del gusto o el olfato
- Dolor de garganta
- Congestion o secrecion nasal
- Nauseas o vomito
- Diarrea



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Newest Department of Health K–12 Schools Requirements in use at Paterson School District

Prevention Measure	New DOH Requirements (January 2022)
Isolation: When someone who has COVID-19 symptoms, or has tested positive, stays home and away from others (including household members) to avoid spreading their illness.	Isolation has been reduced to 5 days at home since symptom onset or positive test. Symptoms must be absent or resolving, no fever in the past 24 hours (no medication). Monitor and wear well-fitting mask for next 5 days (days 6–10).
Quarantine: When someone who has been exposed to COVID-19 stays home and away from others for the recommended period of time in case they were infected and are contagious. Quarantine becomes isolation if the person later tests positive for COVID-19 or develops symptoms.	No quarantine needed if a person is asymptomatic and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 18+ up to date with vaccines (primary series and boosters);• Ages 5–17 completed primary series of vaccines; or• Had confirmed COVID-19 in the last 90 days and recovered. If none of the above, quarantine ends after 5 full days after the last close contact as long as no symptoms have developed and after receiving a negative test result from a test taken no sooner than day 5, or 10 days without a test.
Contact Tracing: The process of identifying people who have been exposed to COVID19 and notifying these close contacts about their exposure, while protecting confidentiality, in order to provide public health guidance.	Priority areas have always been classrooms, transportation services, extracurricular activities, and lunchrooms. Contact tracing is further prioritized to efforts on transportation services, high risk extracurricular activities, and indoor spaces where masking is limited or not consistent.

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Nuevos requisitos de las escuelas K-12 del Dept. de Salud en uso Distrito de Paterson

Medida de Prevención	Nuevos requisitos del DOH (enero de 2022)
Aislamiento: Cuando alguien que tiene síntomas de COVID-19, o ha dado positivo, se queda en casa y lejos de los demás (incluidos los miembros del hogar) para evitar propagar su enfermedad.	El aislamiento se ha reducido a 5 días en el hogar desde el inicio de los síntomas o la prueba positiva. Los síntomas deben estar ausentes o resolviéndose, sin fiebre en las últimas 24 horas (sin medicación). Vigile y use una máscara bien ajustada durante los próximos 5 días (días 6 a 10).
Cuarentena: Cuando alguien que ha estado expuesto al COVID-19 se queda en casa y alejado de los demás durante el período de tiempo recomendado en caso de que esté infectado y sea contagioso. La cuarentena se convierte en aislamiento si la persona luego da positivo por COVID-19 o desarrolla síntomas.	No se necesita cuarentena si una persona es asintomática y: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Edad 18+ vacunas al día (serie primaria y refuerzos);• Las edades de 5 a 17 años completaron la serie primaria de vacunas; o• Había confirmado COVID-19 en los últimos 90 días y se recuperó. If none of the above, quarantine ends after 5 full days after the last close contact as long as no symptoms have developed and after receiving a negative test result from a test taken no sooner than day 5, or 10 days without a test.
Seguimiento de contactos: The process of identifying people who have been exposed to COVID19 and notifying these close contacts about their exposure, while protecting confidentiality, in order to provide public health guidance.	Las áreas prioritarias siempre han sido las aulas, los servicios de transporte, las actividades extracurriculares y los comedores. El rastreo de contactos se prioriza aún más para los esfuerzos en los servicios de transporte, las actividades extracurriculares de alto riesgo y los espacios interiores donde el enmascaramiento es limitado o no consistente.

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Just a
reminder...



Septiembre 23, 2021

Padres y personal:

Se nos ha dado alguna aclaración sobre el uso de enmascaramiento en la escuela y en el autobús. Es extremadamente importante que sus estudiantes usen sus máscaras correctamente mientras están en la escuela y en el autobús.

Después de asistir a una reunión de DOH - L&I, se abordó un punto importante relacionado con el uso inadecuado de las máscaras en el entorno escolar y el contacto cercano. Aclaramos este punto con Vanessa McCollum, educadora de salud pública del distrito de salud de Benton-Franklin. Su respuesta es la siguiente: "Si las máscaras no se usan de manera correcta o constante, entonces no son efectivas ... Si las máscaras se usan de manera inconsistente durante 15 minutos o más durante un período de 24 horas, definitivamente se considerarán contactos cercanos".

En términos simples: si los estudiantes no usan sus máscaras de manera adecuada y constante en las puertas y en el autobús, se los considerará contactos cercanos y serán puestos en cuarentena si hay un caso positivo de COVID en su autobús o en su salón de clases.

El departamento de salud nos ha pedido que sigamos recordando a los padres y estudiantes que corren un mayor riesgo de tener que ponerse en cuarentena cuando las máscaras no se usan de manera constante o correcta.



Mascarilla debe cubrir la nariz y la boca. Debe estar debajo del mentón y puente de nariz.

Saludos

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Parents and Staff:

We have been given some clarification regarding masking at school and on the bus. It is extremely important that your students wear their masks properly while at school and on the bus.

After attending a DOH -- L&I meeting, an important point regarding masks not being properly worn in the school setting and close-contact was addressed. We clarified this point with Vanessa McCollum, Public Health Educator with Benton-Franklin Health District. Her response is as follows: "If masks are not being worn correctly or consistently, then they are not effective... If masks are worn inconsistently for 15 minutes or more throughout a 24-hour period, then they would definitely be considered close contacts."

In simple terms: If students are not wearing their masks properly and consistently in-doors and on the bus, they will be considered close contacts and will be quarantined if there is a COVID positive case on their bus or in their classroom.

The health department has asked us to continuing to remind parents and students that they are at a higher risk of having to quarantine when masks aren't worn consistently or correctly.



Mask must cover nose and mouth. It should be below the chin and on the bridge of the nose.

Regards,

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