
Please add repeal of Face Covering Policy to the 5/10 Meeting Agenda

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Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 10:18:52 PM Eastern Daylight Time

To: email: "jhammond@lexrich5.org Janis Hammond" , email: "csmelton@lexrich5.org Christina Melton"

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May 10 is well past the time needed for our staff to build immunity from the second vaccination. If we have a way to suspend this policy but do not, I believe we are not fulfilling our mission to "always put children first".

I know this is a difficult situation for all and sincerely appreciate your consideration for this solution.

Thank-you,

Cathy

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