

CINCINNATUS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear families,

Today marks the first day that I have seen some of our students' faces. As crazy as that sounds, any new student that started school after September 1, 2021, has had to wear a mask in school the entire time. Today is truly a great day!

Around 7:00 p.m. last night, new guidance was issued and can be read in its entirety on our website. There is also an FAQ that can be read as well. For school operations in Cincy, we will operate under the following conditions:

- Mask wearing is now optional for students and staff within the building, on our school buses, and during extracurricular activities, including sports.
- Any student or staff that is diagnosed with COVID-19 must isolate themselves from school for 10 days. However, any student or staff member that chooses to wear a well-fitting mask over the nose and mouth may return to school on Days 6 - 10 if they have improving symptoms or symptom resolution.
- Symptomatic students who are not tested must be excluded from school for at least 5 days following onset of symptoms and until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms are improving. After returning to school, they must wear a mask on Days 6 - 10.

Over the counter COVID-19 tests are available here at school. Mrs. Potter can also work with families to get symptomatic students tested if they are being dismissed from school. However, please don't send your child to school to be tested as we can arrange to get you an OTC test instead.

Throughout the 24 months of dealing with the pandemic, each of our measures was intended to allow us to operate safely and as normal as possible. Not all of the imposed precautions were popular for all, but I have been impressed with the cooperation from students, staff, and the community, even when there was not total agreement. Those that have chosen to express their disagreement were always respectfully candid, which I greatly appreciate. While we are not completely done with COVID, please remember that there will be some members of our school community that may not like this current step either; therefore, let's continue to be respectful of those that choose to wear masks or initiate other mitigation measures in their learning spaces other than masks.