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Dear Families and Staff,

We have updated our COVID-19 Health and Safety Guide to reflect the guidance we received from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) on March 1, 2022. The updated plan provides the most current information on health and safety during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and has been developed based on guidance documents received from NYSDOH, the New York State Education Department (NYSED), the Ulster County Department of Health (UCDOH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Below is a brief summary of the important points in the updated plan:

- Effective March 2, 2022 masks are optional inside school buildings and on school buses.
- NYSDOH requires students, staff, and teachers to wear masks on days 6 - 10 when returning to school after completing 5 days of isolation.
- Quarantine is no longer required after a COVID-19 exposure.
- Masks are recommended when someone is known to have been exposed to COVID-19 in any setting within the previous 10 days.
- Testing is recommended, but not required for any individual exposed to COVID-19. At-home test kits will be provided, if requested.
- Weekly COVID-19 screening testing remains required for unvaccinated staff.

It is the expectation that all students and staff respect the personal decision of other individuals regarding masking.

The updated COVID-19 Health and Safety Guide can be found on the District's website (www.ecs.k12.ny.us). We will continue to communicate any changes to the plan based on guidance provided by the NYSDOH, NYSED, UCDOH and the CDC.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Wiles
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