

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

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August 17, 2021

Dear Raider Families,

As you know, we have been observing the COVID-19 transmission and testing rates in Franklin County. The numbers of both are increasing daily, prompting us to reconsider our District mask policy for the return to school this week.

Per RCS Board of Education Policy 8450.01 the Superintendent may require all school staff, volunteers and visitors to wear appropriate face coverings on school grounds.

Effective tomorrow, Wednesday, August 18, 2021, Reynoldsburg City Schools will follow the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Ohio Department of Health's guidance for face mask use in our District. All Pre-K through 12th grade students, teachers and staff will be required to wear a mask indoors during the school day to help to decrease the transmission of the COVID-19 virus and its variants, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are also required for everyone who is unvaccinated.

All students are required to wear masks at all times while using public transportation, including school buses. This is mandated per the CDC and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA)'s Security Directive SD 1582/84-21-01. This directive includes students using school transportation for sporting events or extracurricular activities.

Public Health Officials have stated that two of the best defenses to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and its variants are wearing masks and getting the vaccine if you are eligible.

I appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we address our shared concerns for the health and well-being of our students, staff, teachers, families and community members. For more information, please visit www.reyn.org/renewrechargerestart.aspx.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melvin J. Brown
Superintendent
Reynoldsburg City Schools

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