

Memo

To: Families, Guardians, Districts, Residential Programs
From: Dr. Lieb
Date: 12/13/2021
Re: Mask Mandate

As you may be aware, a recent court ruling lifted the mask mandates for schools and placed the decision-making responsibility with the school. We take our responsibility to develop policies aimed at protecting the health and safety of students and staff very seriously. Our goal was and continues to be to keep the School open while ensuring the health/safety of both students and staff. It is disconcerting to note that positivity rates in the five counties we serve are at their highest level since the pandemic began and rolling classroom closures due to positive COVID cases continue to occur at our school.

CDC guidelines published on Nov. 5 recommend universal indoor masking for all students and school faculty, even those that are vaccinated. After careful consideration of these guidelines and the local concerns, we have decided that we will continue to require masks for all staff. Students who can wear masks will continue to be required to do so. Students who are working on a mask tolerance program will continue to do so. Students who are unable to wear masks will not be required.

We have also reviewed and updated our Health and Safety Plan which can be found on www.mcguirememorial.org. We will continue to monitor both CDC recommendations and local COVID cases/positivity rates and will make changes when appropriate.

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