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**BRENTWOOD BOROUGH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
UPDATED H&S PLAN  
BASED ON CDC  
GUIDANCE**

February 28, 2021

# FORMER LANGUAGE IN THE H&S PLAN

Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	High or Substantial Transmission
<p>Low levels of transmission rates and school collected data will be used to recommend that masks become optional. The District would still strongly encourage the proper wearing of masks as outlined by the CDC, ACHD, DOH, and PDE.</p>	<p>Moderate transmission rates as defined by the CDC and ACHD the District will strongly recommend that students in grades K-6 wear masks if they are not eligible for vaccination.</p>	<p>Substantial to High transmission rates as defined by the CDC and ACHD the District will require all students and staff members to wear masks while indoors.</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>Masks may be removed during breakfast and lunch periods while students are eating or drinking.</p>	<p>Masks may be removed during breakfast and lunch periods while students are eating or drinking.</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>Families would be required to obtain medical documentation from a physician to opt out.</p>	<p>Families would be required to obtain medical documentation from a physician to opt out.</p>
<p>Masks are required on transportation as outlined by PDE.</p>	<p>Masks are required on transportation as outlined by PDE.</p>	<p>Masks are required on transportation as outlined by PDE.</p>
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# NEW GUIDANCE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE H&S PLAN

New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
<b>Fewer</b>	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
<b>Than</b>	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7 Day Average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
<b>200 or more</b>	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 (7day average)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
<b>Cases</b>	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7 day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

# CALCULATING THE TRANSMISSION RATE

Include this language in the March 14, 2022, Health and Safety Plan:

- First determine whether a county, state, or territory has fewer than 200 new cases per 100,000 people in the past 7 days or 200 new cases or more per 100,000 people in the past 7 days.
- Then determine the level (low, medium, high) for the new admissions and inpatient beds and indicators using the scale for the area's number of new cases.
- The COVID-19 Community level is based on the higher of the new admissions and inpatient beds metrics.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>

# Community Level Prevention

COVID -19 Community Level	Individual and Inhouse Prevention Behaviors	Community Level Prevention strategies (as recommended by state or local authorities)
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Low</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain up-to-date with vaccines and boosters</li> <li>• Maintain ventilation throughout indoor spaces</li> <li>• Follow CDC recommended isolation and quarantine</li> <li>• If immunocompromised talk to healthcare provider</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute vaccines</li> <li>• Maintain ventilation in indoor spaces</li> <li>• Ensure access to testing</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Medium</b></p> <p><small>*At all levels, people can wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by personal level risk. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow prevention behaviors listed in low in addition to the items listed below:</li> <li>• If immunocompromised talk to healthcare provider about wearing a mask*</li> <li>• Have a plan for rapid testing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow the community level prevention steps in addition to the items listed below:</li> <li>• Provide people at high-risk with access to vaccination and testing</li> <li>• Implement enhanced prevention measures in high-risk congregate settings</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>High</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow prevention behaviors listed in low and medium in addition to the items listed below:</li> <li>• Wear a well-fitting mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status</li> <li>• If immunocompromised wear a mask, avoid nonessential indoor activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow the community level prevention steps in addition to the items listed below:</li> <li>• Consider setting specific recommendations for prevention</li> <li>• Implement healthcare surge support as needed</li> </ul>

Include community level prevention language in the March 14, 2022, H&S plan.

# Are Masks Still Required on School Transportation?

- Effective February 25, 2022, the CDC does not require wearing masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/childcare programs.
- The CDC is making change to align with updated guidance that no longer recommends universal mask wearing in K-12 schools and early education settings in areas with a low or medium COVID-19 Community Level.
- If the Allegheny County were to move back into the high range, exemptions would still pertain to children under 2 years of age, a person with a disability that cannot wear a mask as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C 12101 et seq.)

# ADMINISTRATION Recommendations:

- Provide an update Faculty, Staff, and Administration on Monday, February 28, 2022. Notify parents at the end of the day on Monday, February 28, 2022.
- Effective Tuesday, March 1, 2021- Implement the changes outlined in this presentation. Masking will become optional during school hours and after school activities. Based on the new guidance, masking would return only if Allegheny County is in the high range.
- Masking will also be optional for students riding on school provided transportation (Steel Center, field trips, etc.) will in low or moderate range as outlined in the updated CDC guidance.
- The District will continue to move forward with offering individualized rapid antigen testing for students and staff that may be exposed to COVID-19 while at school- This follows the Statement of Assurances that the District was required to submit.
- The new CDC guidance will be updated in the District H&S plan and will be presented to the Board for ratification on March 14, 2022. Please note at the time of this presentation the ACHD **did not** release updated guidance for school districts. If changes are required after the ACHD guidance is released, it will be reflected in the plan presented on March 14, 2022.

# Contact Information

If you have questions about your child(ren), please contact the building administrator to follow-up.

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