

**UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION
May 28, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has continued to consider state and local guidance as well as the advice of medical professionals as it evaluates the most appropriate learning model and COVID-19 mitigation strategies for students, staff, and the school district community;

WHEREAS, the last two (2) weeks of data for the population residing within the Upper Arlington City Schools attendance area shows an encouraging decrease in COVID-19 community spread, with just 31 cases per 100,000;

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Second Amended Order for Social Distancing, Facial Coverings, and Non-Congregating rescinding prior health orders effective at 12:01 a.m. EDT on June 2, 2021, including the Ohio Department of Health Order Requiring the Use of Facial Coverings in Educational Settings issued on August 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, Franklin County Public Health has issued guidance affirming that it will follow the May 17, 2021 Ohio Department of Health Order;

WHEREAS, the Board continues to believe that facial coverings offer protections to individuals, that families, students, and staff should assess the benefit of wearing facial coverings, and that the voluntary wearing of facial coverings in the school setting remains recommended as it is determined appropriate by individual families, students, and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Upper Arlington City School District Board of Education will no longer require facial coverings beginning June 2, 2021, effective at 12:01 a.m. in accordance with the May 17, 2021 Ohio Department of Health Second Amended Order for Social Distancing, Facial Coverings, and Non-Congregating.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Board Policy 8450.01 – Face Coverings, adopted August 11, 2020 on an interim and temporary basis consistent with then-existing legal requirements and recommendations, is hereby suspended indefinitely pending any further Board action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the use of facial coverings shall continue to be recommended and optional on a voluntary basis and that no person shall be subject to discipline, harassment, or other mistreatment for choosing to voluntarily wear or not wear a facial covering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will continue to monitor COVID-19 data in the community and consider state and local guidance as well as the advice of medical professionals as it evaluates COVID-19 mitigation strategies moving forward and into the 2021-2022 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Superintendent to implement the actions set forth in this Resolution and to update the community regarding the same.