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October 27, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the statewide mask mandate being lifted by Governor John Bel Edwards, students and employees **will have the option, not to wear a mask**, at Franklin Parish Schools, beginning Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Quarantine protocols, however, will be reinstated and not an option if a person is considered a close contact unless they are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic. This is in adherence to guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Governor's updated order. Masking is still mandated on school buses per Presidential Order. The Governor's New Proclamation runs through November 24, 2021.

Below is the current list of guidelines pertaining to our school district:

1. Under the CDC and LDH guidance regarding schools, asymptomatic individuals who have been within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period shall quarantine.
2. Masks are still suggested, but not mandated, at school.
3. Masks are still mandated on the bus.
4. Quarantine is NOT necessary for those individuals fully vaccinated at the time of exposure who remain asymptomatic.
5. Quarantine is NOT necessary for individuals who have tested positive for Covid within the last 90 days and remain asymptomatic.
6. Quarantine is NOT necessary if both the positive case and the contact were masked AND at least 3 feet apart from each other and asymptomatic.
7. The length of quarantine without the masks will now go back to what was recommended last year, which is 14 days from last day of exposure to positive contact.
8. Anyone with symptoms should continue to get tested, even if there is no known contact.
9. Anyone who tests positive should immediately isolate. This remains ten days since symptoms first appeared and/or positive test and at least 24 hours with no fever, without fever-reducing medication.

Sincerely,



John Gullatt,
Superintendent of Schools
Franklin Parish

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