February 22, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Effective today, all of our campuses are mask optional. However, we wanted to share with you the most recent guidance that we have received from the local health department.

**NEW FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:**

Changes in COVID-19 School Guidance

The Indiana Department of Health announced changes in COVID-19 guidance for K-12 schools based on declining cases statewide. The following changes will become effective Wednesday, February 23:

* Schools no longer will be required to conduct contact tracing or report positive cases to IDOH.
* Schools no longer will need to quarantine students who are exposed to a positive COVID-19 case, regardless of vaccination status or whether the school requires masks.
* Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for five days and may return on Day 6 if they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication so long as symptoms are improving, according to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Individuals should wear a mask through Day 10 any time they are around others inside their homes or in public.

In Christ’s Peace,

Mrs. Jane Brack Mrs. Kim Becker

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