



February 22, 2022

Dear Preschool Parents,

The Indiana State Department of Health has lifted the mask and social distancing mandates for school buildings beginning Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022.

Madison Consolidated Schools will continue to follow the recommendations of the Indiana State Department of Health. Masks will still be required on buses, per federal mandate, and on days 8-10 for any pre-K student and days 6-10 for staff members **who tested positive and are returning to school**. If your child cannot **correctly and consistently wear a mask** they will not be permitted to return until day 11. As always, if you feel as though your student cannot properly mask, you are welcome to keep them home through day 10 and send them back to school on day 11.

We realize that this may cause some families to be concerned. Please know that even though masks are now optional we will continue to make every effort in our school buildings and buses to keep your child safe.

Things we will continue to do:

- Encourage families to report positive cases
- Notify you of positive cases in your child's classroom
- Encourage hand washing of students and staff throughout the day
- Require staff to continue to mask when providing direct care to any child (toileting, feeding, and hygiene needs.)
- Disinfect frequently touched areas between use
- Continue to monitor all children for symptoms and strongly suggest and offer testing of those students
- Symptomatic children will continue to be sent home
- Monitor for clusters of illness and be in contact with our local health department for guidance

The safety, health, and well being of your child(ren) is our priority. We ask for your grace and patience as we grow and adapt with you during this time. Thank you for continuing to trust us with your children.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Black
Assistant Director of Student Services