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Dear MCAS Families:

Now that our school year is underway, we would like to remind you of our COVID-19 procedures.

Masks: Face masks are **optional at school** for all MCAS students and staff. Masks are also optional on school buses.

Positive Cases: MCAS requires that students or staff who have COVID-19 isolate for 5 days. They may return to school on day 6 if they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications, as long as their symptoms are improving.

Absences: Please note that absences due to COVID are treated like absences for any other illness. They are not considered exempt absences.

Contact Tracing: MCAS is no longer contact tracing or reporting positive cases to the Indiana Department of Health.

Symptoms: MCAS will exclude individuals from school if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. They may return when they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and their symptoms have improved. (A test result or doctor's note is no longer required.) Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms each day before sending them to school!

Vaccination: We encourage COVID-19 vaccination for all students and adults.

We will continue to keep you updated regarding our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins
Superintendent

Helpful Links:

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: [Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19](#)

Indiana Department of Health [Parent COVID-19 Daily Screening Tool](#)

[MCAS COVID-19 Support and Information](#)