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Dear MCAS Staff and Families:

Last week, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) announced changes to its COVID-19 guidance for K-12 schools. At its meeting tonight, our School Board approved revisions to our COVID Response Plan, aligned with this new guidance.

**Key changes include:**

**Masks:** Face masks are now **optional at school** for all MCAS students and staff. Masks will still be **required on school buses**, per Federal law.

**Positive Cases:** MCAS will still require 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. (We encourage these individuals to wear a mask after returning to school, days 6-10.)

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

**Symptoms:** MCAS will continue our policy of excluding 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 will no longer be required.) Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms each day before sending them to school!

I want to thank all of our staff, students, parents, and community for your continued efforts in helping us to ensure the safety of all. We will continue to keep you updated regarding our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins  
Superintendent

**Helpful Links:**

Indiana Department of Health: [Updated K-12 Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine](#)

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

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