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BCCSC Parents and Guardians,

At last night's BCCSC School Board Meeting, our COVID-19 Reopening Plan was amended to require masks to be worn inside our school buildings when the Jackson County COVID-19 Advisory Level is RED. Several factors were considered in the decision to amend the policy including the Governor's recent executive order, a request from the Jackson County Department of Health to require masking, and Jackson County reaching the RED advisory level for COVID-19 metrics. However, none of these factors are more important than the health of our staff and students, and keeping our students in school. As of yesterday, 197 students had been quarantined as close contacts at school. This accounts for 1,970 days, 13,790 hours, or 827,400 minutes of lost instruction. In addition, over 70 students have quarantined twice and 4 have quarantined three times.

By wearing masks in school and maintaining a social distance of 3 feet, students should not need to be sent home as close contacts while the mask requirement is in place. Per the Governor's executive order, this does not apply to band, choir, athletics, cheerleading, or extra-curricular events.

While students attending school is required by Indiana compulsory attendance laws, attendance at athletic events is a voluntary act. Therefore, at this time masks will be highly recommended, but not required at athletic events.

Students will be encouraged to wear masks on Thursday, September 16, and Friday, September 17. All students will be required to wear masks beginning on Monday, September 20. BCCSC will continue to require masks in our schools as long as the COVID-19 Advisory Level for Jackson County is RED.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Tim Taylor

Superintendent