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## LANCASTER CITY SCHOOLS

Nathan Hale, Superintendent of Schools  
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Lancaster City Schools' Community,

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has informed school districts in Ohio that the use of masks and/or facial coverings will be recommended but not mandated for the coming school year. In accordance with the ODH recommendation, the use of masks and/or facial coverings will be optional for all students and staff to begin the 2021–2022 school year. We will implement additional safety protocols to the best extent possible while also considering our students' instructional, behavioral and social-emotional needs.

Lancaster City Schools strongly recommends that anyone without being vaccinated or those with a pre-existing health condition wear a mask at all times while at school. Additionally, the District will be asking students, staff, and parents to adhere to the following guidelines:

- If you show any signs or symptoms of COVID or the flu, please stay home from school until you are completely symptom-free for 24 hours.
- If you show any signs or symptoms of COVID or the flu, please contact your medical provider immediately.
- Please do a wellness check before coming to school or attending a school-related event. If you have a temperature above 100° F, you should refrain from coming to school until you are symptom-free for 24 hours.
- Please continue to practice good hygiene (wash your hands, cover your mouth if you sneeze or cough, refrain from touching your nose and mouth, etc.).
- Please be respectful and supportive of those wearing masks in our buildings and on our grounds.
- Masks will be available for students who request one while at school.
- Cleaning protocols will continue to be enforced at all levels and functions in the District.
- If a child shows symptoms of illness at school, the child will be sent home.
- Due to a federal order, masks will be required on school busses.

Lancaster City Schools will be holding in-person classes five days per week for all students during the 2021–2022 school year. As we have offered in previous years, students in Grades 9-12 will have the option to take online courses through the Odysseyware program. This option will again require weekly lab sessions scheduled through the online program staff. This model was in place prior to the 2020-2021 school year. For more specific details, contact the LHS Office at 740-681-7500.

**We will continue to work with our state and local health departments to make changes to this plan as needed.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [n\\_hale@lcsschools.net](mailto:n_hale@lcsschools.net) should you have any questions or concerns regarding the information contained in this District update.

Sincerely,



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