



Dear Families,

As you know, starting Monday, masks will be optional at IEA. Based on the decreasing number of COVID-19 cases within the State and our school as well as data from other districts, guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Department of Public Health (DPH), State Department of Education (SDE), and our local health district we are comfortable continuing forward with this change.

We recommend that students keep a mask in their backpack, as masks will continue to be required in certain circumstances, specifically:

- If a student or staff person has been quarantined or isolated. When a student or staff returns to school during days 6-10 after exposure/positive test, a mask will be required to be worn through day 10. (*IEA's current quarantine and isolation guidelines are attached.*)
- If a student is experiencing symptoms of illness at school and is waiting to be picked up. Masking will be required while waiting with the nurse.
- On IEA Vans. While district vans providing transportation to and from school will follow the district's rules, IEA vans will continue to require masks due to the close proximity of passengers. Windows will also be opened when possible.
- If a local venue requires it. Students and staff who are off-site on field trips, community trips, worksite, etc. will follow the masking guidelines of the facility they are visiting or working at.

We know some families may decide they would like their child to continue to wear a mask at all times. While IEA staff will remind students, we will only enforce mask wearing in the specific circumstances above. Please indicate [here](#) if you prefer your child to wear a mask so we can let your child's staff know.

We will continue to offer on-site weekly COVID testing, and we encourage everyone to sign up and participate. (For students under 18, please [click here](#) to register. For students 18 and over, please [click here](#) to register. Access code = IEA-C19)

Monitoring for any signs of illness remains essential. If a student or staff person is [feeling unwell](#), they should stay home and reach out to Mrs. LeDuc (860-310-2784 or ieanurse@ie-academy.org) or their healthcare provider for next steps.

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With allergy season upon us, if your child is experiencing allergy or asthma symptoms, it is especially important to work with your healthcare provider to manage your child's symptoms. COVID-19 symptoms can often mimic these symptoms. Students should be sure to follow their plan to mitigate symptoms, or see their provider to develop a plan to help.

Please note, our mask wearing policy may change at any time. We will monitor the number of children or staff out due to illness as well as infection and hospitalization rates within our state to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

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