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RE: Masking Update

(Lake Station, Indiana) Effective upon returning to school following the Labor Day holiday next week Tuesday morning, September 7, 2021, Lake Station Community Schools will require masks or face shields for all students, staff, and visitors to our schools, as we did for the 2020-21 school year. The reason for requiring masks is the Indiana Department of Health has changed the status of Lake County to <u>ORANGE</u>; meaning we have a significant community spread of COVID-19.

On Wednesday, September 1, 2021 our Governor issued a new Executive Order changing the quarantine guidelines hoping to keep students and staff in school and well. In order for Lake Station to comply with the new quarantine guidelines (which were also vetted and approved by the state department of health) we need to have a mask mandate.

Mask wearing on the bus will continue, as required by federal mandate. Please review the revised Return to School plan for more details.

Remember, if you child is sick or not feeling well, please **DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL**.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas L. Chpliver, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools

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