



# PORT WASHINGTON-SAUKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear PWSSD Families,

We continue to monitor the data regarding the spread of COVID-19 and use the metric approved by the Port Washington - Saukville Board of Education on September 13, 2021, to determine if changes to the current safety protocols and mitigation strategies are necessary.

The metric for moving from “should” to “must” mask is 3% of total student/staff population at the building level. The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Lincoln Elementary and Thomas Jefferson Middle School has met the 3% threshold as of Wednesday, September 29.

Out of an abundance of caution, **masks are required indoors by all Lincoln Elementary School (LES) and Thomas Jefferson Middle School (TJMS) students and staff beginning tomorrow, Thursday, September 30, 2021.** Masks will be worn for 20 calendar days in an effort to minimize further spread and keep students and staff healthy. After October 19, if the number of site cases is below 3% of the Lincoln Elementary and Thomas Jefferson Middle School student/staff population, we would return to the mask “should” be worn protocol that is currently in place.

This masking requirement change is in addition to the one that was put into place for Dunwiddie Elementary School on Friday, September 24, 2021, for the same reason. That requirement change will be revisited after October 13, in order to make a determination to see if the number of site cases is below 3% in order to possibly return to the mask “should” be worn safety protocol and mitigation strategy.

At this time, families can continue making their own decisions regarding wearing a mask in the remaining District buildings, although we are highly recommending that families send children to school with a face mask to prevent the spread of illness in our schools. Should the District move to requiring masks at any other building, another communication would be sent that would outline those parameters.

We appreciate your support and continued efforts to keep our students and staff safe and in person.

Best Regards,

Port Washington-Saukville School District COVID-19 Response Team