



**Madeira City Schools**

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Madeira Families,

At Monday's November BOE meeting, I led a discussion with the BOE in regards to changes we will be making in our *HEALTHY* Madeira plans based on several factors and recent changes from the Ohio Department of Health and Hamilton County Public Health. As we have said when we began the year in August, our plans have been designed to be flexible and responsive to our current situation as well as changing guidelines and our "lived experience" with our own local Madeira health data.

Beginning second semester effective January 3, 2022, our *HEALTHY* Madeira plans will be moving to a "strategic masking" approach to align with ODH & HCPH's "[Mask to Stay / Test to Play](#)" guidance (10/25/21). This new guidance allows healthy students to stay in school by wearing a mask only after they have been determined to be a direct contact of a positive case in a classroom setting. Students, staff and visitors may certainly continue to wear masks in our school buildings but masks will be optional in all grades and will no longer be required in PK-6 grade for students or staff as we transition with this guidance. In addition to this guidance change, HCPH's roll out on 11/9/21 of [Pediatric Vaccination](#) availability makes it possible for school children ages 5-11 to be vaccinated. Implementing our change in the PK-6 masking protocol beginning January 3rd will also allow for our families of students in these grades to be fully vaccinated by that time, if they choose to do so.

Additional information as well as the slide deck used for the BOE discussion are available at our [HEALTHY Madeira](#) webpage.

It's worth noting that we recognize that COVID-19 is still active and that we will still need our families to continue to monitor and let the school know if your child is showing symptoms, is awaiting a COVID-19 test result, or has received a positive COVID-19 test. We will continue to provide health alert email updates and will be monitoring our local Madeira health data closely. Our plans are always subject to change and adjustments will be made as needed.

Thanks for continuing to support our [My Madeira Promise](#) as we work to make this school year great for our Madeira students. Go Madeira!

Kenji Matsudo, Superintendent  
Madeira City Schools

*"A school community where learning is personalized and success is ensured"*