



January 10, 2022

Madeira Families & Staff:

Just as we have made adjustments in our HEALTHY Madeira plans in the past, we are now needing to be flexible and responsive again based on multiple concerns including our increasing local data and our ability to effectively contact trace and monitor the Mask to Stay Guidance. The logistics of what our teachers, staff and administrators are required to maintain and support with the increased numbers is continuing to draw us away from our main focus of the providing instruction to our students as our numbers increase.

While many, many of our students have returned from break wearing a mask, the guidance when cases are high has made it extremely challenging to also track and monitor. We currently have our elementary school students receiving classroom notifications and well over half of our middle school and high school students are in some form of a required Mask to Stay status either as a result of home contact or being a direct contact at school. Needless to say, tracking this and doing so now with the same excellence we have done for the past two years is challenging. As a school district, we will continue to be vigilant in recording cases, monitoring for school spread, and being more strategic in contact tracing efforts and following reporting requirements.

In consultation with HCPH, we will now be moving to a local Madeira mandatory Mask to Stay requirement for all grades PK-12. As the prevalence in our community and schools continues to remain high and the logistics for monitoring and contact tracing our school settings has continued to increase, **Madeira will require masks in grades PK-12 until at least January 21st** at which time you will receive a district update on further possible adjustments if any can be made. All requirements for HCPH's Test to Play for athletes and extra-curricular participants are still in place and will need to be followed.

#### THREE IMPORTANT ADJUSTMENTS EFFECTIVE TODAY

1. Madeira will be requiring all students and staff PK-12 to wear a mask beginning tomorrow, January 11th.  
\*\* (This will be reviewed on January 21st)
2. Building Health Alert notifications will continue to be sent to families daily when their student is identified as a direct contact at lunch or in a setting where masks were not present for all students.
3. District health alert updates that share information for all buildings will now be posted daily on our website in a link each afternoon / evening on our HEALTHY Madeira website – [Madeira Daily Health Alert Updates](#). (Please see today's update.)

#### FOUR IMPORTANT THINGS WE HAVE TO KEEP DOING:

1. Monitor your student for signs and symptoms of illness or COVID-19. Family health checks are essential and should be done each day **BEFORE** putting your child on the school bus or attending school. Please do not send a sick child to school.
2. Continue to let the school know if your child is showing symptoms, is awaiting a COVID-19 test result, or has a positive COVID-19 test.
3. Wash your hands frequently.
4. Keep our [My Madeira Promise](#) to ourselves, our neighbors, and our friends.

As these adjustments are being made, we know there may be more details that arise. **Please be patient** and reach out to your building principal with any questions.

Thank you again for your trust and support as we make it through another evolving chapter of living and managing our daily school operations during this challenging time.

**Kenji Matsudo**, Superintendent  
Madeira City Schools

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