



January 3, 2022

Madeira City Schools Families & Staff:

We hope that each of our families and staff members have had a wonderful holiday break. We also recognize that we will need to continue to move forward into a new year 2022 with continued caution, care and concern knowing that health and safety is important to all of us. Just as we have in the past, we will count on each other to follow protocols and keep our [My Madeira Promise](#).

As we start the second semester, we do not plan to make any changes and will be beginning in-person learning tomorrow, January 3rd. We will continue to follow our 7-12 optional masking for students and staff that has been successful since August, and as was shared in prior communication after vaccine availability, will begin the second semester allowing parents to choose a mask optional approach in grades PK-6. Each family will be using a strategic / optional masking approach. Please direct your child to wear a mask to school and continue as we have since August if this is what is best for your family as masks are still strongly recommended. Our schools will be a mask friendly environment as many students and staff have and will continue to wear masks and many people will be required to wear masks based on their individual circumstances due to the evolving COVID guidance. **Masks are still required when riding on a school bus per the Federal CDC mandate.** The District will continue to follow HCPH and ODH guidelines including county guidelines for COVID-19 reporting.

With isolation and quarantine guidelines changing last week while our schools have been closed on winter break, we have been working to understand and have clarity for what it means for our schools. Here's what we know as of today 1/3/22.

- [New ODH Isolation / Quarantine Guidance: \(Based on direct contact from home / community exposure\) – 12/30/21](#) - This is new guidance released by ODH which aligns to the recent change in CDC guidance.
- [Updated HCPH & ODH Mask to Stay / Test to Play Quarantine Guidance \(Based on direct contact from school setting\) – 12/30/21](#) - This is new guidance that moves the mask requirement from 14 days to 10 days when identified as a direct contact in a school setting and was released by ODH to align with the new CDC guidance.
- **Health Checks** - We ask you to continue to monitor your student daily. Should your student not feel well or show signs or symptoms of illness, please do not send your child to school. Reporting any illness or positive COVID-19 case to your school's attendance line / nurse will assist our efforts to remain in school.

We will continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 guidance changes as well as our weekly data. Our plan has and will remain to be flexible and responsive. Plans, including this current one, can and will be adjusted as needed.

Thank you for your continued trust and support as we move forward into the second semester of our school year.

**Kenji Matsudo**, Superintendent  
Madeira City Schools

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