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Dear Eatontown School Community Member:

As you may know, Governor Murphy's recent discussion this week regarding mask/face covering wearing has created quite a firestorm around our county and state. Although his guidance was related to "excessive heat" conditions, districts are interpreting his message in different ways. Below is the latest guidance from the State in regards to mask wearing in schools:

Masking protocols outlined in Executive Order No. 175, which are aligned with current CDC recommendations, remain in place. The Order includes an exception to masking requirements outdoors during periods of extreme heat.

It is important to remember in this context that the direct contact rule is still in effect. Quite simply, if an individual tests positive for COVID-19, he or she needs to quarantine for 10 days and individuals who are a direct contact of a positive individual still need to quarantine as well. This procedure has not changed. Most of our students and some of our staff are not vaccinated at this time.

As Superintendent of Schools, I discussed the recent guidance regarding excessive heat with the Monmouth County Education Office today. Our district has consistently followed the COVID-19 guidance over the course of the school year. With eight school days remaining, the district wants to continue to make decisions consistent with the guidance. It is worth noting that our schools and classrooms are air-conditioned and the district is operating on a one-session day schedule.

For the remaining days of the school year, the district will allow students and staff to forego masks if they are outside and engaging in physically strenuous activities such as, but not limited to, running, jumping, playing a game, etc. However, students and staff still need to wear masks or face coverings during other times of the school day including while indoors, during arrival and dismissal times, and on the school bus. Of course, individuals may opt to wear masks outside during physical activities as well.

Thank you for your consideration and courtesy as we continue to navigate through challenging times. If the guidance changes in the future, the district will respond accordingly.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools