

South Lewis Central School District

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Dear South Lewis School Community:

Given the low rates of COVID-19 transmission, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) provided guidance to school districts allowing us to choose to implement revised summer masking policies consistent with those outlined in the *Interim Guidance for Child Care, Day Camp and Overnight Camp Programs* (dated June 7, 2021). Based upon the feedback received from the masking survey in June, **South Lewis will begin implementing this new summer masking policy effective Monday, July 12, 2021.**

The new summer masking policy/requirements will be as follows:

- Students: masking not required inside or outside regardless of vaccination status
- Faculty, Staff and Visitors:
 - Vaccinated: masking not required inside or outside
 - Unvaccinated:
 - masking required inside
 - masking not required outside
- Transportation/Busing (Students and Staff)
 - Vaccinated: masking not required
 - Unvaccinated: masking required

Proof of vaccination will be required. For faculty and staff to remove masks indoors and/or on transportation, they will need to provide proof of vaccination to the District Office. For students to remove masks on transportation, they will need to provide proof of vaccination to the school nurse. Visitors will need to provide proof of vaccination to our Safety Desk Monitor upon entrance into the school. Some examples of proof of vaccination include, but are not limited to, a COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, an Excelsior Pass, or a letter/record from Public Health or physician.

Also, please note this guidance is only for summer programming. Summer programming includes such programs as elementary, middle and high summer school, summer recreation/academic enrichment, sports camps and skills and drills sessions, etc. Schools are expecting updated guidance for the 2021-22 school year to be forthcoming in the future.

Also, it is important to note that no other COVID-19 protocols or practices have changed at this time (e.g. social distancing, daily temperature checks, cleaning/disinfecting). With the exception of the summer masking policy change, the District is still required to follow the *Interim Guidance for In-Person Instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools* (dated June 7, 2021) for all other policies or protocols.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation as we work to help protect our students, staff, and entire school and local community. Be well and be safe.

Sincerely,



Mr. Douglas Premo
Superintendent of Schools