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FROM: ADAMS CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JOEL D. MAHAFFEY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To: Adams Central Families

On Monday, August 23, 2021, at 6:00 P.M., the Adams Central School Board of Trustees met in Executive Session to review and discuss the recent guidance released by the Adams County Health Official, Dr. Ainsworth. Due to the uptick in county COVID-19 and Delta variant positivity rates, a recommendation has been submitted asking for schools in Adams County to require staff and students to wear face coverings while in school attendance. Attached to this document is the most recent guidance received from the Adams County Health Official dated August 17, 2021.

At this time, ACCS will not impose a mask mandate for teachers, staff, or students. However, additional measures to mitigate the spread of infection will now be added to the 2021-22 ACCS Re-Entry Plan. These measures are as follows:

1. In situations where a student or staff member exhibit a fever (100 degrees or higher), the following will apply:
  - a. Individual will quarantine and may return to school after 10 calendar days as long as the individual is fever free for 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fever.
  - b. May return on day 8 if asymptomatic and negative PCR on day 5, 6, or 7 or negative on BinaxNOW Rapid Test in school on day 8.
2. Seating charts will now be required for all KG-12 settings.

Please visit the corporation website to view the ACCS Coronavirus Dashboard to access the daily student and staff positivity and quarantine rates. The ACCS School Board and school administration will utilize the data acquired from the Indiana State Department of Health, the Adams County Health Department, the Adams County Health Official, and the ACCS Covid Dashboard to make decisions on mitigation strategies that may include future masking requirements as well as necessary transitions to Virtual Learning.

On behalf of the ACCS School Board of Trustees, School Administration, and myself, thank you for supporting a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel D. Mahaffey  
ACCS Superintendent of Schools

**MEMO**

DATE: August 17, 2021

FROM: Adams County Health Officer, Michael Ainsworth

TO: Superintendents of North Adams, Adams Central and South Adams  
Adams County Commissioners  
Adams County Council  
Mayors of Decatur and Berne  
Presidents of the Monroe and Geneva Town Councils

Dear Elected Officials:

The local health department has been notified that the Indiana Department of Health will be moving Adams County from yellow designation to orange designation tomorrow under the State's color-coded system. This is a result of the recent number of new positive cases in the county.

As the health officer for the county, it is my strong recommendation that the school systems in the county immediately begin requiring all students and staff to wear face coverings while in school. This is also the recommendation of both the CDC and the Indiana Department of Health. I am including with this letter a memo a copy of a very recent school webcast (power point) prepared by the Indiana Department of Health and also a "Covid Guidelines" information sheet published by the Adams County Health Department.

I recognize that due to recent legislation adopted by the Indiana Legislature, I can only make a recommendation. It is my understanding that for this to become an order the County Commissioners must approve the order. My understanding of Senate Bill 5 is that any local health officer order or directive that is more stringent than the current state executive orders may not take effect or remain in effect unless the order is approved by the county commissioners. As such, it is my recommendation that the school corporations in the county all immediately implement a mask mandate for students and staff.

Michael A. Ainsworth, M.D.  
Adams County Health Officer