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Dear Geneva Community,

I hope you and your families had a wonderful and healthy holiday season. Happy New Year! I'm hoping 2022 brings joy, prosperity, success and an end to COVID. I want you to know student and staff safety remains a top priority in our district. Over the past week, I have ordered 500 more COVID tests so we can continue to hand them out as needed and another 8,500 masks.

I have been in contact with the other districts in the county, our Board and administrative team, and the Ashtabula County Health Dept over the past few days to gather input/information before making a decision. Our county positivity rate is now at 33.4%. As the COVID numbers keep rising and we know people have gotten together over the holidays, I have made the decision to go to **FULL MASKING** for the next two weeks (Jan 3-Jan 14th) in order to hopefully slow the spread and keep us in school. I think we are all in agreement that the best placement for students is **in-person learning**. Then, on Jan 14th I will pull our numbers as I had been and we will see where we are on our rubric and an all call will go home as usual on the 16th. Just to clarify, we are not in the "red" on our rubric, but we are fully masking for 2 weeks. I ask that we all do our part in this. We, at school, will be vigilant in enforcing this and I ask that you remember to send your child with a mask and reinforce that they will need to wear one and wear it properly.

As you have probably seen, the CDC has come out with updated guidance. In speaking with the Ashtabula County Health Department, below you will find the updated guidance we will be following. The county superintendents also have a call with the Health Department on Monday morning. Should we learn anything new or anything changes, I will be sure to follow up with another call and posting to the district website.

If a staff or student is EXPOSED AT SCHOOL, we are to continue to follow the [Mask to Stay, Test to Play](#) document.

If a staff or student is EXPOSED OUTSIDE of school or TESTS POSITIVE, we are to follow the [NEW GUIDANCE](#).

Lastly, if your child has Covid symptoms, please keep him/her home and notify the school.

Sincerely,

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