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Greetings Campbell County Families,

With a new school year approaching quickly, much time has been spent in recent weeks evaluating the current COVID landscape, incidence rates, and hospitalization numbers, while monitoring the ever-changing research available on the Delta variant. Unfortunately, our current COVID incidence numbers are greatly elevated.

Out of an abundance of caution and in alignment with UNIVERSAL and CONCURRING GUIDANCE disseminated across leading health organizations (WHO, CDC, KDPH, NKY Health Department, American Association of Pediatrics, Cincinnati Children's Hospital), I am mandating the following safety guidelines which will take effect on Monday, August 9th:

- All students and visitors to schools will be **REQUIRED TO MASK while indoors**, regardless of vaccination status.
- All faculty and staff will be required to mask indoors when in the presence of another individual, whether in a hallway or non-partitioned room, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Masking WILL BE REQUIRED while students ride the bus**, which follows Governor Beshear's June 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Order, and the CDC's January 29<sup>th</sup> Public Health Order, both requiring masks on all public transportation, including school buses.

Our primary goal is to safely KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN so that all children may participate in face to face instruction. The greatest limiting factor to that goal will be the need to quarantine large numbers of staff and/or students, due to infection or exposure. With the Delta Variant being as contagious as chicken pox, this means we must be extra vigilant to avoid quarantines. Universal masking gives us the BEST CHANCE TO KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN. While this is an inconvenience, we have demonstrated that students can learn, and we can continue in-person instruction with masks.

I will continue to evaluate COVID and Delta-related data. My initial target for a possible reduction of this mandate would occur once we achieve single digit (under 10) incident rates, community wide.

Should a family medical circumstance exist where your child would be eligible and require home/hospital instruction (with doctor's order), please contact your school's principal.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools