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Parents and Families,

Last week, the MDHHS and the GCHD updated their guidance for K-12 schools (both documents are linked in the COVID-19 Resources section of our website: www.geneseeisd.org) indicating that Michigan is now in a “post-surge recovery phase” of the pandemic. Accordingly, the MDHHS and the GCHD no longer recommend universal masking in the traditional K-12 setting but have left the decision of universal masking to local school districts and institutions.

As you know, Mott Middle College and Genesee Early College are physically located at Mott Community College and University of Michigan-Flint, respectively, and thus must follow the policies set forth by those institutions. Since both higher education institutions are continuing with their universal masking policies, GISD will continue to require universal masking in both early middle college programs. Additionally, the CDC mandate for universal masking in public transportation is still in effect.

The updated guidance from the GCHD also addresses isolation and quarantine procedures for schools:

- **Monitoring for Symptoms:** The updated guidance from the GCHD continues to require that individuals monitor for symptoms associated with COVID-19. To maintain a safe learning environment, we will continue to follow our daily health screening process at this time.
- **Confirmed and Probable Cases for COVID-19:** Students and staff who test positive (or are presumed positive) for COVID-19 must continue to follow the current isolation guidelines.
- **Contact Tracing:** One notable change in the GCHD guidance is that schools are no longer required to do contact tracing in the school setting, but quarantining guidance must still be followed for household contacts.

I want to thank you for your continued resilience throughout this global pandemic. As I have noted each step of the way, we will follow the guidance provided by the MDHHS and the GCHD, while coordinating with our higher education partners and their institutional protocols. I am hopeful that our continued decline in new COVID-19 cases and the accompanying updated guidance from MDHHS and GCHD is truly a sign of our move to a “post-surge recovery” both in Genesee County and across Michigan. We will continue to work closely with the GCHD, as well as MCC and UM-Flint, and will communicate any future changes in protocols.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me, Principal Green, or Assistant Principal McAllister, with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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