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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](http://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 K-12 setting.

Based on the significant decline in COVID-19 cases across our county and this most recent change in guidance from the MDHHS and the GCHD, the GISD will no longer require universal masking for students and staff at the Genesee Career Institute, effective Wednesday, February 23, 2022. However, the GISD will continue to support the individual decision of students and staff regarding masking and will continue to provide masks as requested.

Moreover, as recommended in the updated GCHD guidance, an asymptomatic student or staff member who is a household contact to a positive case in the last 10 days must wear a mask during that time. Additionally, an asymptomatic student or staff member who is returning from isolation must wear a mask on days 6-10. Lastly, the CDC mandate for universal masking in public transportation is still in effect, and therefore, all students and staff must continue to wear a mask on all district transportation.

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 to provide the safest learning environment possible at GCI. 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 to monitor case transmission in our community and will communicate any future changes in protocols as deemed necessary.

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

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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