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Sean D. Haines Acting Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Morrisville School Community,

On Friday, February 25, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) introduced new COVID-19 metrics that relaxed mask recommendations, including K-12 schools. Using the new metrics, the CDC now recommends universal masking in public settings, including schools, only in areas at high risk of serious illness or with strained healthcare systems. The district Pandemic Team met this week to discuss the impact of the CDC's updated guidance on our district and school community. Moving forward, the School District of Borough of Morrisville's Health and Safety Plan will reflect that the district is following the CDC's updated guidance on universal masking.

As a result, masks are no longer required to be worn by staff, students, or visitors effective Monday, March 7, 2022, as the COVID-19 Community Level for Bucks County is **Low** according to the <u>CDC's</u> <u>COVID-19 by County</u> data. Additionally, masks are no longer required on district transportation. However, according to the CDC guidelines, all students, staff, and visitors who have been required to quarantine for five days will be required to wear a mask on days 6-10. These students may be required to eat lunch in an alternate location in order to provide them with an appropriate mask break.

Although masks are no longer required at this time, many of our students and staff may choose to wear masks. These decisions are personal and family decisions made for various reasons and will be respected.

The district will continue to adhere to our Health and Safety Plan to support our school community moving forward, communicating any adjustments to universal masking or other mitigation strategies according to the CDC's COVID-19 Community Levels classified as Low, Medium, or High.

Thank you for your flexibility, support, and understanding as we continue to adjust to the evolving guidance together to support a healthy and safe school environment.

I hope that everyone is well and has an enjoyable weekend!

Sincerely,

Sean D. Haines Acting Superintendent of Schools