Good afternoon KASD families,

Happy New Year to you and your family. I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. As we return tomorrow, we have several changes to COVID-19 mitigation measures based on our updated Health and Safety Plan and updated guidance from CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health. Please see a list below of highlighted items and the attached link for a full FAQs.

- Per updated Health and Safety Plan, masking is optional for students and staff in the school setting. We strongly recommend students continue to wear masks while cases remain high and consider keeping one with them to wear when working closely with peers.
- Masks remain mandatory on school buses per CDC Order.
- School close contacts will be notified and be required to quarantine if symptomatic
- Individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 should isolate for 5 days
- Individuals may return to school after 5 days of isolation if they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication and have improvement in symptoms. Individuals without symptoms may return after 5 days of isolation from the date of their test. A face covering should be worn around others for an additional 5 days after the 5-day isolation period ends.

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Additional mitigation efforts remain in place including our optimal air quality controls including bipolar ionization and continuous air exchange rates, additional cleaning routines, and spacing to the extent possible. With all of the measures available, the most important thing we can do to limit the spread is to keep students home when they are ill. Please join us in a commitment to maintaining community health and communicate with school nursing offices regarding illness concerns.

We have succeeded in managing school with many challenges for the past year and half and we will continue to do so.

Thank you,

Christian Temchatin, Superintendent of Schools