



# Southern Door County School District

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October 27, 2021

Dear Southern Door Families,

From the beginning of the school year, you have heard me say that our plan to address COVID-19 was designed to be fluid and meet the needs of our staff and students. We have been successful, with your help, keeping our positive case numbers low. As I write this letter to you today, our current numbers are 3 students and 2 staff members or .003% and .01% respectively.

With that being said, we will return to optional masking on Monday, November 1st, 4K-12. All of our other mitigation measures will remain in place (close contact masking, temperature checks, social distancing, etc.).

One additional piece that we will be adding is that, following the upcoming holiday breaks (November 29-December 3 and January 3-7), we will return to required masking for grades 5K-5th for one week upon returning to school. This will allow us to “reset” our cohorts and ensure a safe return to school.

A fluid plan means that we will adjust our mitigation strategies as the need arises. Hopefully, the plan moving forward will not need to be modified in the coming weeks, but please know we will be responsive to positive cases. If our COVID-19 cases increase in the coming weeks, we may have to reinstate mandatory masking. To avoid that, please be diligent in monitoring the health of your child, and continue to use the daily symptom screener before sending your child to school.

I realize that this change will not satisfy every member of our community. I want to be responsive to our local data, and transparent on how we will continue to navigate this pandemic. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Chris Peterson  
Superintendent