Seymour
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Seymour Community School Corporation Families,

Last night, 9/14/21, our Board of Trustees approved an updated COVID-19 mitigation plan. The plan includes mandatory masking for all students, staff, and visitors to all SCSC buildings as long as Jackson County is in an ORANGE or RED advisory level.

The focus of this updated plan is to keep students in school. On September 7, 2021, the Indiana Department of Health released the following school guidance: https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/21_WearAMaskStayInSchool_9-7.pdf In summary, if students are wearing a mask, they would no longer need to quarantine as a close contact if they are asymptomatic. If not masked, students within 3-feet would need to quarantine.

The usage of masks is a polarizing topic in society. However, our focus is not on the effectiveness of a mask, but rather on keeping students in school. The data is clear that students learn the best, and are the safest, when in school.

So what is next? As long as our county is in ORANGE or RED advisory level, we will require masks. Once we move back to YELLOW or BLUE, this is an indication that local conditions are improving, and we will go back to masks optional. This provides our stakeholders with a clear path in, and out of, a masking requirement.

We will maintain our high standards of cleaning and disinfection, social distance as much as possible, and continue to promote good hygiene. To view our full, school board approved plan, please visit our website: http://www.scsc.k12.in.us/document-library/district-information/977-scsc-fall-2021-return-to-school-guidance/file

Thank you for your understanding and support. We are optimistic that community conditions will improve within a few short weeks.

Go Owls!

Sincerely,

Brandon Harpe
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Seymour Community School Corporation