Mask Updates
Strategies used to minimize risk of COVID-19 spread in schools

These strategies include:

- **Multiple vaccination clinics** for elementary, middle, and high school students to increase vaccination status of staff, family members, and eligible students;
- **Enhanced ventilation measures** in all classrooms;
- **Weekly asymptomatic testing** for students and staff;
- **Physical distancing** of >3 feet whenever possible;
- **Cleaning, disinfecting, and hand hygiene** in all classrooms;
- **Quarantine protocols and requirements** for individuals potentially exposed to COVID-19;
- **Universal mask wearing** for both unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals;

With public health conditions improving, we are relaxing one mitigation strategy - mask wearing
# Community Health Data

## CDC COVID-19 Community Levels

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<th>New COVID-19 Cases</th>
<th>Indicators</th>
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<td>Fewer than 200</td>
<td>Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)</td>
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CDC has defined community levels of low/medium/high for COVID impact; Providence County currently rated low

### Providence County Levels
(March 31, 2022)

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PPSD COVID-19 Positive Case Data

November: ~20 cases per day
December: ~30 cases per day
January: ~135 cases per day
February: ~18 cases per day
March: <5 cases per day

PPSD has seen a dramatic decline in cases over the last few weeks
What does masks optional mean?

• Individual students and staff members may choose to wear masks though they are not required

• At no time should an individual be treated differently as a result of their decision to wear or not wear a mask

• People who have or develop symptoms must isolate at home for at least 5 days from the onset of symptoms, and wear a well-fitting mask for 5 more days regardless of vaccination status

• Individual schools may need to wear masks for certain period if a number of positive cases occur in a short period of time

What questions or concerns do you have?