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Dear Bulldog Families,

I am writing to provide you with an important update related to protective facial coverings. On September 1, 2021 under OFCS School Board Policy [8450.01](#) I reactivated the masking policy. In that [letter](#) to you I indicated that the mask requirement would be in effect until it is lifted, and that the decision would be re-evaluated on September 17, 2021. This communication is to inform you that **the protective facial covering requirement will remain in effect during the hours of school operation**, and that it will be re-evaluated again on Friday, October 1, 2021 to determine what our course of action will be for the school week that begins on Monday, October 4, 2021.

The data and sources that were used to aid in this decision are located in the table below. The data obtained originates from the CDC's COVID Data Tracker website and the Ohio Department of Health's Cases by Zip Code. Data are not reported in real time as there is always a lag between what actually exists and what has been reported.

Data Points	Previous Data Point (9/1/21)	Most Current Data Point (9/17/21)*
New Cases in CuyCo (past 2 weeks)*		3,241
New Cases in 44138 (past 2 weeks)*	53	68
Case Rate in CuyCo*	184.20	262.41
Case Rate in 44138*	236.8	303.9
PCR % in CuyCo*	6.88%	8.82%
PCR % in LorCo*	10.36%	14.26%
OFCS Data (link)	<u>Cases + Exclusions: 73</u>	<u>Cases: 37 Students, 4 staff</u> <u>Exclusions: 110 Students, 1 staff</u>

*These numbers represent a snapshot and are the most current numbers available on the date of consideration (in this case, 9/17/21).

I know that this decision will be popular with some and very unpopular with others, however our goal continues to be to keep students and staff in school, therefore continuing the mask requirement is necessary at this time. We are at our best when we have in person instruction and it is important that we keep these measures in place to allow us to accomplish the goal of staying in school when we're in the middle of a COVID19 surge.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James L. Lloyd

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