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Dear Families,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Thursday, May 19, announced that Erie County now falls within the "high" range of community transmission of COVID-19. In consultation with the Erie County Department of Health and in keeping with current guidance from the CDC, Erie's Public Schools will once again require all staff, students and visitors to wear masks while in district buildings, regardless of vaccination status, effective Monday.

We recognize that this may be unwelcome news for some. But as the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise, our most important job is ensuring the health and safety of our staff and students. Masking is just one of many protocols we have in place to help us do exactly that. Our full Health and Safety Plan is available at eriesd.org.

We will continue to monitor transmission levels in Erie and in Erie County as the pandemic continues. In the meantime, you can help stop the spread of COVID-19 and ensure in-person learning continues for our students by staying home if you feel sick. If you have come into contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19, is awaiting a COVID-19 test result, or has been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home.

If you or your child have not received a COVID-19 vaccine yet, you can visit vaccines.gov to find a vaccination site near you, text your ZIP code to 438829 (English) or 822862 (Spanish), or call 1-800-232-0233. All COVID-19 vaccines are free. No insurance is required.

Sincerely,

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