



May 20, 2021

Good afternoon SDNB families and staff,

Based on the Board of Education's recent vote to approve the wearing of face masks by all students, staff and visitors in all School District of New Berlin schools and facilities be **recommended** rather than **required** for the remainder of the school year, we wanted to provide you with additional information of how we will operationalize our efforts in our schools. [Here is our "Updated COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies" document](#) that provides said information.

As shared with you Tuesday night, the change, which applies to ALL students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, is effective tomorrow, Friday, May 21. It applies to all SDNB functions, activities and athletics. There are the following exceptions:

- Masks continue to be required on school-sponsored transportation per federal regulations.
- For WIAA-sponsored athletics, when traveling, the host school expectations must be followed along with WIAA expectations for the end-of-season tournament series.

Until then, the School Board further confirmed that masks were not required for students, staff and visitors 16-and-older who are fully vaccinated, as announced by the District last week.

Please note that the Board of Education will be clarifying quarantining protocols for the remainder of the school year and summer school/school-sponsored summer athletics and activities mitigation recommendations at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 24th, at 7 pm in the New Berlin Eisenhower Commons.

Finally, any families that wish to change their child's instructional model from in-person to virtual, or vice versa, as a result of this decision are free to do so. Please work with your building principals to arrange this if you so wish.

Thanks again for your ongoing support and understanding as we all continue to navigate through this unprecedented school year.

Sincerely,

Joe Garza, Superintendent