

Sept. 22, 2020



Good afternoon families and staff,

Today, Gov. Tony Evers issued a new public health emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, effectively extending the statewide mask mandate by 60 days.

This means students in all grades are required to continue wearing masks or face coverings in our buildings and on our buses, with the exception of during lunch and other designated “mask breaks”, through at least Nov. 21. Staff and visitors are also required to wear masks in our buildings.

More information about masking expectations can be found in the School District of New Berlin’s [2020-21 Reopening Schools Handbook & FAQs](#), which can be found along with other important information, on our [district website](#).

We appreciate our students’ resiliency and flexibility, and their adherence to the mandate as we continue to strive to “stay safe to stay open”.

Today, as was announced in “The Edge” e-newsletter, we also published the SDNB COVID-19 Weekly Dashboard on our website. The dashboard is a snapshot of district-wide COVID-19 data and includes a school-by-school breakdown of positive student cases, students quarantined, positive staff cases and staff quarantined. In cooperation with and guided by the Waukesha County Department of Health, the SDNB’s Pandemic Response Team, our district nurse and district administration are monitoring this information daily and we remain ready to make any necessary changes to our instructional models, should the need arise.

Our goal continues to be to transparently share timely and important information with our families and staff. This dashboard is another tool we are using to do just that.

We continue to work hard to keep our schools open and to provide the highest quality educational experiences to all our students, both in-person and virtual. We continue to ask families for your help and support by keeping child(ren) home when they are sick, reporting illnesses completely and accurately to the schools, and following the safety measures we have in place in our buildings.

Sincerely,

Joe Garza, Superintendent