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August 23, 2021

On Monday, August 23, 2021, the Eric County Department of Health released the, <u>Eric County Department of Health Guidance for PK-12 Schools, 2021-2022</u>. The guidance provided by the Eric County Department of Health is based on information and resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics. It is important to note that these agencies have identified in-person learning as the top priority along with safety. It is our goal to continue to provide a safe environment for our students and staff to maintain five day a week in-person instruction for all students beginning September 1, 2021, through the implementation of practices intended to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 and the Delta variant.

The Lake Shore Central School District will follow the mandates and recommendations from the Erie County Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Academy of Pediatrics as we begin the 2021-2022 school year. The implementation of these safety measures will greatly increase our ability to provide five day a week, in-person instruction for all of our students. We will continue to adjust our plan based on new information from the Erie County Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. *Below are highlights of information you need to know for student return in September in terms of masking requirements and remote instruction.*

Masking-Indoors

- All students in Grades (PreK-12), staff, vendors and visitors are required to wear a mask at all times while in our schools regardless of vaccination status.
- Appropriate **masks must be worn at all times** in all classroom and non-classroom settings, including but not limited to hallways, school offices, restrooms, gyms, locker rooms, auditoriums, etc.
- Students may remove their mask during meals as long as they sit 3 feet apart, to the extent possible while maintaining seating charts.
- Acceptable masks must be two layers of materials and may be cloth-based or surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose. **Bandanas, gators, and clear face shields are not considered acceptable face coverings**.

Masking-Outdoors

• Mask wearing outdoors is not required, but strongly recommended.

Masking-Bus Transportation

• Bus drivers, bus aides, staff, and students **must wear a mask at all times while on school buses**, including on buses operated by public and private school systems and private vendors, regardless of vaccination status.

Mask Breaks

• Mask breaks may be taken by students once every hour for approximately 5 minutes. Students should be seated and stationary at their desks during mask breaks. If students are seated closer than 6 feet, stagger breaks so that students closer than 6 feet are not taking breaks at the same time.

Remote Instruction

Remote instruction will not be provided while the District is open for full-time in person instruction. If your child has a
diagnosed compromised immune system medical condition, please contact your building principal as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles A. Galluzzo, Superintendent of Schools