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Update on Serendipity's Mask Requirement

Dear Serendipity Families and Staff,

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) recently announced that it will be ending its indoor mask mandate on March 19, but continues to strongly advise the use of masks in school settings.

Serendipity Center plans to continue to require the wearing of face masks for all students, staff members, and visitors while on campus; at least through the remainder of the school year.

Serendipity will continue to consult with local public health officials about our COVID-19 mitigation strategies in response to the level of spread in our community. We will continue to update you with any change to the guidance.

From Oregon Department of Education's (ODE) press release to schools:

“Even after statewide face covering requirements are lifted, state officials strongly recommend that students and staff in high-risk groups continue to wear masks in indoor public settings and continue to strongly advise the implementation of universal masking in indoor K12 settings. K12 settings are congregate settings where children are required to attend. They bring together vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, as well as individuals who are at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness.”

Over the course of the pandemic, evidence gathered has shown consistent mask-wearing to be very effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Local public health officials have advised that continued mask-wearing significantly reduces the likelihood of quarantines and absences; minimizing disruption to students and their families while maintaining safe, in-person instruction.

As new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations decrease in Oregon, we are optimistic that the situation will continue to improve and we will remain vigilant in our efforts to mitigate the spread at Serendipity.



We also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone to keep doing their part to reduce the spread; by keeping your student home if they are sick, communicating with Serendipity if your student or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, and getting your student vaccinated and boosted if they are eligible.

If you have any questions or need information about COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, or boosters please contact Serendipity. Thank you for your continued perseverance and collaboration during this challenging school year.

Sincerely,

Management Team