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Today, January 21, we received word that another student in school and another staff member has tested positive for COVID. This brings us to 3 students and 2 staff members this week. Therefore, we are continuing to recommend masks be worn through the end of next week (January 28). They are **NOT** being required.

It is of utmost importance that if or when any students begin to not feel well and the symptoms are those of COVID, to notify the school that we can take appropriate precautions to protect the health of fellow students, staff members, and all of their families.

At the November 2021 regular Arcadia Board of Education meeting, the Board approved a mask waiver for parents to use for their students should their students not be medically able to wear mask while in school. The waiver does require a physician's signature, along with a statement indicating why the student is not able to wear a mask while at school. The waiver form is posted on the school's website under the Parent's Resources tab, and then under School Forms.

If we continue to have multiple positive cases every few days, we will re-examine whether to continue recommending masks or requiring them. As I have said earlier this school year, the mandating of masks is the last thing I want to implement; but, it may be necessary if positive cases continue to increase.

Respectfully,



Mike Williams  
Superintendent