



January 1, 2022

Dear Caledonia Community Schools community,

We hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy and enjoying the holiday break. As we welcome in 2022, I want to share with families the [Kent County Health Department \(KCHD\) new infographic](#), the [KCHD Press Release](#), and the [MDHHS Press Release](#) outlining the revised timelines for isolation and quarantine. We also are expecting the KCHD to release a new Public Health Order (PHO) and toolkit for schools very soon that are in line with CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine; we will share updates as we learn more.

Based on the previous consultation with the Caledonia Board of Education we will continue with our practice of following the requirements and recommendations of the health department(s) as they are stated. As of now, it is our understanding that universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors (age 2 and older), regardless of vaccination status, is strongly recommended ([MDHHS press release for schools](#)).

We support and strongly encourage the recommendations that all individuals wear masks while indoors. **However, parents and legal guardians will have the choice when making the decision for their student(s) regarding facial coverings, COVID-19 testing, and vaccinations in the absence of any public health orders or MHSAA rules for student athletes.** This will be our plan as we welcome students back on January 3, 2022.

Thanks again for your patience and understanding as we work to bring our students back to a safe learning environment.

Dr. Dedrick Martin

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Caledonia Community Schools