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Dear Caledonia Community Schools community,

We are excited to welcome back students and staff today. We received notice yesterday (Sunday) that the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) will **not** be amending their public health order at this time (*regarding quarantine guidelines*) as had been indicated to us in their prior communications. As a result, CCS will continue to follow the quarantine guidelines defined in the [Public Health Order issued on August 6, 2021](#).

From KCHD in reference to the [release from MDHHS](#):

*Given their position that K-12 and congregate care settings "should continue to use existing guidelines and policies regarding quarantine and isolation," KCHD will not be amending our public health order at this time. We will continue to follow the matter closely and we expect to see revised school guidance from the CDC in the near future."*

Based on this new communication, Caledonia Community Schools will **not** be changing quarantine and isolation guidelines and will continue to follow the timelines outlined in the [August 6 Public Health Order](#) (PHO). These quarantine and isolation guidelines are determined by the [KCHD School & Childcare Toolkit](#) and [KCHD K-12 Symptom and Testing Protocol](#) published on October 21, 2021. This may result in different recommendations for students at the K-6 levels due to the new mask choice and recent vaccination availability.

**As a reminder, the federal mass transportation rule requiring individuals to wear a mask on a school bus is still in effect (until March 18th, 2022) and has not changed.** As stated in previous communications, we will continue to work with public health officials and make the necessary adjustments to our policy based on local health departments (Allegan and Kent), Michigan Department of Health and Humans Services(MDHHS), and CDC guidance.

We have been very fortunate to keep all of our buildings open for face-to-face instruction during the first half of this year. I encourage everyone to heed the guidance of our health professionals so that we can continue to keep everyone safe, keep our schools open, and adapt to conditions beyond our control. Thank you for your support as we navigate these changes.

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