



November 3, 2021

Prairie Families:

Yesterday it was announced that vaccines for students ages 5-11 have been approved for emergency use. The College Community School District implemented a mask mandate for K-6 until such time that the vaccine was available and full vaccination could be achieved for those choosing to vaccinate their children. Given the vaccine availability in the area it seems that interested parents will be able to have their children fully vaccinated by winter break.

Due to this development and low rates of infection in our school population, when we return to school from winter break on January 3, 2022, the College Community Schools will no longer be mandating masks in buildings at any grade level unless that building reaches a threshold of $\geq 2\%$ positivity AND $\geq 8\%$ absence due to any illness over a period of days. Any masking requirements due to the outbreak, are outlined in the [September 22, 2021 Return to Learn Update](#).

In compliance with Federal requirements, masks will still be required on busses until further notice. If you can, we are asking that you provide masks for your child on the bus. We continue to distribute thousands of masks each week to bus riders.

We still encourage and support mask wearing among students and staff. We will continue our current notification and contact tracing efforts as well as keep our public dashboard, which can be found by [clicking here](#). At this time, there are no plans or requests by public health to hold vaccine clinics on campus. Vaccines can be accessed through local providers.

Thank you for your continued support as schools navigate this pandemic.

In Service,
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Superintendent of Schools