

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Effective Thursday, August 5, 2021, Clarksville Community Schools will require that all students, staff, and visitors wear masks **indoors during the school day** if they are unable to maintain 6 feet of social distance. This change was board approved on August 2nd.

We have followed the guidance from the CDC, Indiana Department of Health and Clark County Health Department since March of 2020. Following their recommendations of universal masking, social distancing, and increased handwashing allowed our district to maximize the number of in-person learning days for students and staff and minimize the number of students and staff who needed to quarantine from being a close contact. Our goal remains the same as we enter this new school year.

In the past month, both locally and nationally, the number of positive cases has increased and our community is now an area of high community transmission. Therefore, the guidance from the CDC, Indiana Department of Health and Clark County Health Department has changed: <u>Fall 2021 COVID-19 Back to School Guidance</u> (updated 7/28/21).

Vaccinated students and staff will not be required to quarantine if identified as a close contact.

We continue to encourage all eligible students, staff and family members to get vaccinated.

We will continue to work directly with the Clark County Health Department to monitor the conditions and current guidelines and will update our plan as needed.

You can read our reopening plan in its <u>entirety here</u>. At any time, you can see the number of COVID-19 cases in our district using our COVID-19 dashboard <u>found here</u>.

We are excited to see our Generals back on campus Thursday, August 5th and start the school year with student safety and success our top priorities as always.

Regards,

Tina Bennett, Superintendent of Schools Scott Gardner, School Safety Specialist 8/2/2021