February 28, 2022

Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

On Friday, February 25, the CDC changed their [COVID-19 guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html) on [community transmission levels](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html) and mitigations. The CDC’s new recommendations align precautions for schools with those for other community settings. DuPage County’s status changed to [Low Transmission](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html), which means that the following preventions steps are recommended by the CDC:

* Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shots
* Maintain improved ventilation through indoor spaces when possible
* Follow CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine, including getting tested if you are exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19

As you know, District 20 updated our mitigation efforts starting last Tuesday, February 22. With state and federal guidelines changing last Friday, ***effective today District 20 is now able to transition to mask optional on buses.*** Please take a few moments to review D20’s Mitigations Update ([ENGLISH](https://esd20org.finalsite.com/fs/resource-manager/view/2ab2a7d1-bfad-4404-8636-14410929fe15) / [SPANISH](https://esd20org.finalsite.com/fs/resource-manager/view/caf291e0-9878-4e2d-9fbe-02ede679880a)) and/or [2/24/2022 Presentation to the Board](https://esd20org.finalsite.com/fs/resource-manager/view/6f92518f-e487-48c6-80c9-1a96c68a2688), if you have not yet done so. We have also added several [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.esd20.org/return-to-learn/covid-19protocols) on our district website to provide additional information for families and staff.

We encourage you to complete [Parent/Guardian 5Essentials Survey](https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/) before it closes on March 11. The online survey is completely confidential and is offered in English and Spanish. Please complete a separate survey for each of your children’s schools. ***Your feedback is very valuable to us as we work collaboratively to provide Keeneyville D20 students with the best education possible!***

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Castillo

Superintendent of Schools

Keeneyville ESD 20