



Sep 30, 2021

Dear Caledonia Community Schools community,

I'm sure that many of you have heard that effective today at 5:00 p.m. the Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) rescinded the face mask requirement for K-6 buildings. This change has a direct impact on Paris Ridge Elementary as the only school within the CCS boundary that resides in Allegan County. **Beginning tomorrow, October 1, 2021, face masks are strongly recommended, yet no longer required at Paris Ridge Elementary school only. This change in the Allegan County order does not impact the federal mandate concerning public transportation and masks are still required to be worn by all students while on a school bus.** Please see the attached news release and update from the Allegan County Health Department.

As of this communication, we have not received any communication from the Kent County Health Department that indicates that they have rescinded their August 20, 2021 health order. That health order requires students and staff in grades Pre-kindergarten through grade six to "consistently and properly wear a facial covering while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution."

As stated in previous communications, we will continue to work with public health officials and make the necessary adjustments to our policy based on CDC, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and local health departments' guidance (Allegan and Kent). So far, we have followed the requirements of the health officials to keep our students, staff, and families safe and will continue to do so. I'm sure that things may continue to evolve over time, regardless of requirements or recommendations from our health officials; I encourage everyone to continue to be patient and respectful as we try to keep everyone safe and adapt to conditions beyond our control. Thank you for your support as we navigate these changes.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dedrick Martin
Superintendent

Please see the attached [news release](#) from the Allegan County Health Department.