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Dear OMSD Students, Staff and Families:

As you may be aware, COVID-19 cases have reduced significantly. As such, the guiding agencies, Center for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Cal OSHA, and other appropriate agencies, have made modifications to the layered mitigation practices as they relate to students, staff and guests in school settings.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Ontario-Montclair School District (OMS) community for your flexibility, patience and support as we work collaboratively through these unprecedented times to ensure the safety and wellness of our students, staff, and families. Our continued collective efforts to swiftly shift as we modify and implement practices and protocols based on current trends, local conditions, and mandates placed upon our District has kept our environments and workplaces safe and conducive to student learning, while maintaining our community's well-being as a priority. As we enter the endemic phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, this brief overview will provide a snapshot of key modifications that will go into effect in OMSD as of March 12, 2022.

Face Coverings

Per the CDPH, after March 11, 2022, universal face covering requirements for K-12 and childcare (Preschool) in school settings, will end. While, CDPH strongly recommends that individuals continue to wear face coverings in indoor settings, the choice to mask is at the discretion of each student, employee, family and community partner.

Physical Distancing

CDPH recommends focusing on the other layered mitigation strategies provided in the Guidance instead of implementing minimum physical distancing requirements for routine classroom instruction. Recent evidence indicates that classroom instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing when other mitigation strategies are implemented. CDPH also strongly recommends that individuals in these settings continue to wear face coverings in indoor settings.

Health Screening

The paper/electronic required health screening self-assessment that is typically conducted prior to entering the workplace will be replaced with a passive self-screening protocol. This means that OMSD will no longer require any form or electronic questionnaire to be completed. The CDPH and Cal OSHA are not requiring this practice for employees or students, **however, it remains crucial that students, families and employees, self-screen prior to entering schools and the workplace.** If you are not feeling well, please inform your supervisor and remain at home.

Student Quarantine from Home Exposure

We have revised our OMSD documents to reflect updates in state and local guidance for Student COVID Guidelines in the areas of ongoing home exposure quarantine and positive COVID quarantine requirements. **Specifically, positive COVID student quarantines will now match the current adult quarantine guidelines** (which can be a 5-day quarantine if negative test results on Day 5 or later and 10-day quarantine if positive, rather than a fixed 10-day quarantine), and will be effective as of March 12, 2022.

“Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment, Our Future”

Visitors/Volunteers

As we get ready to welcome volunteers back to our schools, effective March 14, 2022, we hope the overview below will assist you in this process. Please review the Volunteer Handbook for further details.

Any volunteer or visitor interacting with our students, as approved by the Administrator and until further notice, must adhere to the public health order requiring either proof of vaccination or a negative PCR or Rapid test result.

As a reminder, based on the level of volunteer participation (Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3), prior to commencing services, volunteers may be subjected to background checks, fingerprinting clearances, Megan's Law and submit a Volunteer Application with all necessary information as indicated in the Volunteer Handbook.

Updated OMSD Guidance Documents:

Once again, this document is intended as an overview of the latest revisions to the District's Multi-Layered Mitigation Strategies. The School Reopening & Safety Plan is the District's Plan for addressing COVID-19 and provides complete details and aligns with the most recent guidance/requirements from respective agencies. You can find the document on our District website at www.omsd.net or <https://bit.ly/3t3qdCH>.

The following documents are linked here to reflect the new changes:

- [COVID Quarantine Guidelines – Students](#) *(updated areas have been shaded)*
- [Ongoing Home Exposure Decision Tree](#) *(pink font is new/revised)*
- [Student Symptom Decision Tree - English](#) *(pink font is new/revised)*
- [Student Symptom Decision Tree - Spanish](#) *(pink font is new/revised)*

Our continued commitment to providing safe learning/working environments for all, remains a top priority for OMSD and we thank you for your patience.

OMSD will continue to remain steadfast in maintaining safe learning and working environments for students, staff and families. As we move towards the endemic approach, we will continue to do so with respect and civility towards one another.

Sincerely,
James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.
Superintendent