

# HOPEWELL CREST SCHOOL

122 Sewall Road, Bridgeton, New Jersey. 08302  
(856) 451-9203

**MRS. MEGHAN LAMMERSEN**  
Superintendent/Principal

**MR. JOHN OGBIN**  
Vice Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

February 25, 2022

Dear Hopewell Crest Families,

I am excited to share the following updates with you. Governor Murphy recently announced to end the school mask mandate on March 7<sup>th</sup>. This news in addition to a drastic decline to our local COVID infection rate has prompted the district to make several changes to the COVID-19 protocols.

Effective immediately, no student will be excluded from school for being a close contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status. Virtual instruction will only be utilized if a student is placed on quarantine because they are infected with COVID.

On March 7, 2022, masks for students and staff will be **recommended, not required** at Hopewell Crest School. Students and staff will no longer be required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. However, students and staff may still wear a mask if they prefer to wear one. Please be aware that universal masking will return if infection rates significantly increase.

Students and staff must wear a mask when riding the school bus. School buses are subject to federal mask mandates, which require masks on all public transportation. This is decision is outside of our local control.

Masks may also be required in the nurse's office if/when students present symptoms of COVID-19.

I appreciate all your patience and support in advance.

Thank you-

Meghan Lammersen