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DeKalb County School District to Lift Mask Mandate on March 2

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. – DeKalb County School District (DCSD) announces that it will lift its mandatory mask requirement for all staff and students indoors and on buses. Effective March 2, mask-wearing will be strongly encouraged for all staff, students, and visitors.

DCSD is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of students and staff. The district reviews the COVID-19 case data and status reports for the school district and DeKalb County. In collaboration with the DCSD’s Medical Advisory Committee, all information is utilized to make decisions on mask-wearing and other mitigation strategies. On Feb. 25, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its procedures to assist communities with monitoring the spread of COVID-19.

According to the CDC, the COVID-19 Community Levels tool helps communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels are classified as low, medium, or high and are determined by evaluating specific indicators. Currently, in DeKalb County, the community level is low.

Recommendations for this category include the following:

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Get tested if you have symptoms

Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive, or are exposed to someone with COVID-19 should continue to follow all district-wide protocols and consistently and correctly wear masks to protect others as well as themselves.

DCSD will continue the following:

- Reporting positive COVID-19 cases and exposures utilizing the portal;
- Implementing mitigating strategies in all school and district facilities; and
- Offering surveillance testing in schools and central offices.
The district also reserves the right to update this information based on changes in the COVID-19 Community Levels and guidance. For more information on the district’s COVID-19 health and safety protocols, visit www.dekalbschoolsga.org/covid-19-health-and-safety.