



May 27, 2021  
All School Communication  
Update Regarding Masks and COVID-19 Policies for Fall 2021

Dear JB Families,

As we approach the end of the school year, we're beginning to receive questions about our mask policy for the fall of 2021. As you've likely seen, new [CDC guidance](#) says that those who have been vaccinated no longer need to wear masks, while those who have not been vaccinated should still wear a mask and socially distance. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine [recently issued](#) guidance that will lift Ohio mask mandates beginning June 2, 2021.

### **What does this guidance mean for Julie Billiard Schools?**

- We will continue to wear masks around students for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year and will continue to expect our students to wear masks, per Governor DeWine's [mandate](#). This includes graduation on May 27, 2021. All students, visitors, faculty, and staff, will be expected to wear masks during graduation.
- Beginning Thursday, June 3, 2021, we will update our [COVID-19 Mask Policy](#) to state the following:
  - According to guidance from the CDC, individuals who have been vaccinated no longer need to wear masks. Beginning June 3, 2021, Julie Billiard Schools will no longer require students, faculty, or staff to wear masks while in school buildings. Julie Billiard Schools will not require individuals to provide evidence of a vaccine.
  - We acknowledge that not all individuals elected to receive or had the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Mask wearing is optional for all, and we fully expect many students, faculty, and staff to continue wearing a mask, regardless of their vaccine status. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask depending on your comfort level and please refrain from asking others about their vaccine status or choices.
  - If an individual has not been vaccinated, we highly encourage them to wear a mask around our students.
- We know that COVID-19 is a constantly evolving situation and that many different scenarios can play out over the summer. It is our hope that we can return to school on August 25, 2021, with this mask-optional policy in place. However, we ask for your continued flexibility and support in the event that we receive new mandates or guidance from health officials. We will be in contact with families prior to the start of the school year with an update.
- Julie Billiard Schools will continue to sanitize classrooms, desks, and shared materials and observe at least three feet of distance when possible in a continued effort to keep our students safe.



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- Students who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to stay home.
- After speaking with local boards of health, monitoring COVID-19 case numbers, consulting with other schools, providers, and all of our constituent groups, and considering the accessibility of the COVID-19 vaccine, we will not offer the virtual learning option this coming fall. All JB students will be expected to return to school in-person, five days a week, beginning August 25th of 2021.

We are so appreciative of all of the families, faculty, staff, and students who made this year possible. Your support during these challenging times has only made us stronger. Your flexibility and adherence to health and safety policies allowed us to stay open all year for our kids. We look forward to seeing you in the fall and wish you a healthy, happy summer. As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Gratefully yours in mission,

Lannie Davis-Frecker, Jodi Johnston, Jason Wojnicz, and Samantha Evers

**Helpful Resources**

[Our COVID-19 Information Hub \(Announcements, Resources, and Plans\)](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Post-Vaccine Information](#)