



Friday, July 9, 2021

Hello Cato-Meridian Summer Academy Families,

This week the New York State Department of Health issued updated guidance specifically for the 2021 Summer School session. This includes the new Cato-Meridian Summer Academy, taking steps to relax masking mandates for students who are vaccinated and participating in summer academic programs this year.

The updated guidance allows school districts to eliminate the mask mandate for all students and staff members who have been fully vaccinated. As of Monday, July 12, any fully vaccinated student or staff member will not need to wear a mask on school grounds. We will continue to provide as many opportunities as possible for our younger students, who do not have a vaccination option available to them, to have socially distant mask breaks and enjoy time outside of the school building where they learn and play without having to wear a mask.

This updated guidance has been released solely for the Summer Session and does not mean that these relaxed protocols will be extended into the regular school year. This guidance has been updated to reflect both the current low transmission rate of COVID-19 and also the unique circumstances of teaching and learning during the warmer summer months.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan MacCollum'.

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