

BATH LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Next week begins the 2021-22 school year and we are excited to be back! Our opening plans were sent out August 9th and are also on our website under District News. Please be sure to read through the expectations for the upcoming school year. As stated in those plans, when changes or additions are made, they will be sent through OneView and placed on our website each time.

To begin the school year, we will be following the CDC mandate for masks on school transportation. This mandate allows for limited exemptions. They are as follows:

- A child under the age of 2;
- A person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of the disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*);
- A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.

The Ohio Department of Health's exemption relating to the wearing of masks states:

- The individual has a medical condition including respiratory conditions that restricts breathing, mental health conditions, or a disability that contraindicates the wearing of a facial covering.

Our school nurses will be the ones making the determination on exempted status. Their contact information is below:

- Jennifer Garver, Elementary Nurse 419-221-1837 ext. 4111 or garverj@bathwildcats.org
- Tami Niemeyer, MS & HS Nurse 419-221-1839 ext. 3144 or niemeyert@bathwildcats.org

This mask order does not allow face shields to fulfill the requirement. It is important to note that students will not be disciplined or turned away to ride the bus if they do not have a mask. We are asking for your cooperation in adhering to the mandate and providing a mask for your child every day when riding the bus.

Thank you!

Rich Dackin
Bath Superintendent