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To our Toms River Regional Schools staff, parents, and families:

As a reminder, and in line with the state's removal of the mask mandate in schools effective Monday, Toms River Regional Schools will be mask optional in all locations including buses beginning March 7, 2022.

Furthermore, due to the [stark decline](#) of COVID-19 cases across the community and [within our own schools](#), the district will no longer require unvaccinated, asymptomatic students or staff to quarantine if they're determined to be "close contacts" of a COVID-19 case in school. This decision has been made after thoughtful consideration and the analysis of district-wide data since the holiday break. Please know this will not impact unvaccinated, household close contacts, who will still be required to quarantine for 5 days from the last date of contact. Additionally:

- We will continue to inform parents/guardians if their child is considered a close contact **in school**; however, as long as those students/staff show no symptoms, they will, again, not be required to quarantine, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Positive** students/staff will continue to quarantine for 5 days and return on day 6, as long as they are feeling better. They will be required to wear a mask in school through day 10.
- Please continue to report all school or household close contacts and illnesses to your child's school nurse or building principal.
- **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL or COME TO WORK WITH COVID SYMPTOMS OR IF YOU ARE SICK.**

We remain committed to our goal of maximizing our instructional program while balancing the health and safety of our staff and students. During the weeks ahead, we will continue to analyze district data, monitor any new guidelines, and consider additional modifications to our COVID-19 safety plan as appropriate.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we continue to navigate the public health issues.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Genco
Superintendent of Schools