



June 25, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, June 25, 2021, school districts received new guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the safe operation of schools during summer learning programming. Given the smaller class sizes, the ability to conduct learning activities outdoors, and with the transmission rate of COVID-19 in Michigan at the lowest point in a year, school districts have been given discretion with the types of mitigation strategies to be used during the summer months.

Starting Monday, June 28 use of a face mask for summer learning programming will be optional for both students and staff. The district will continue to promote the use of the following mitigation strategies:

- Vaccination for eligible staff and students
- Social distancing (when logical)
- The practice of good hand hygiene and hand washing
- Routine cleaning to help maintain healthy facilities
- Encourage staff and students to stay home if sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

Berrien Springs Public Schools will continue to closely monitor community transmission data on a weekly basis. The district is prepared to make adjustments in our use of mitigation strategies that are required to maintain a safe and healthy environment for staff and students throughout all of our summer learning programming. Schools anticipate receiving additional guidance later in the summer that will support a safe and healthy return to in-person learning for the start of school in August 2021.

Thank you for your continued support of our school district. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with your students during the summer months. Go Shamrocks!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Eichberg".

David Eichberg, Superintendent