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RE: Mask Mandate

Dear ERESC Community,

After much discussion, the ERESC leadership team has decided that, as precautionary measure, **we will resume the mask mandate at the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission, starting tomorrow Thursday, May 26, 2022.**

Essex County has entered into the Orange/High phase. I have attached the NJ COVID-19 Activity Level Report, from the NJ Department of Health (NJDOH). As per the NJDOH, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are strongly encouraged to follow universal masking for all students and staff once at this level of transmission.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the manner in which you have conducted yourselves as we engaged in efforts to operate safely in our learning environments. It is due to your professionalism and outstanding cooperation that we have been able to successfully navigate the COVID-19 pandemic with minimal concerns. As a district, we will continue to put the safety of our students and staff at the forefront of any decision made.

Thank you.

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