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Dear KSB/KSD Staff, Students, Families and Communities:

This letter is intended to provide updated information regarding the use of face coverings for students and staff at the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD). This plan implements a local approach, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) metrics serving as a guidepost for decision-making and implementation of masking for the KSB/KSD. KSB/KSD will utilize the [DPH Kentucky COVID-19 Community Levels by County map](#) to determine masking requirements for the following week based on the community level. School leaders will review the DPH map every Thursday to decide masking implementation for the following week and will communicate the decision with staff, students, families and communities each Friday.

KSB is located in Jefferson County, Kentucky. Therefore, when the DPH map indicates the community level in Jefferson County is low or medium, masking at KSB will become optional for the following week. If the community level in Jefferson County is high on Thursday, masks for the following week will be required.

KSD is located in Boyle County, Kentucky. Therefore, when the DPH map indicates the community level in Boyle County is low or medium, masking at KSD will become optional for the following week. If the community level in Boyle County is high on Thursday, masks for the following week will be required.

Please direct any questions or concerns to me at (502) 564-4970 ext. 4123 or [carol.morrison@education.ky.gov](mailto:carol.morrison@education.ky.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Ann Morrison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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