

Dear BSCSD Parents and Caregivers:

Hoping this finds you off to an enjoyable summer. A quick update for you regarding the requirements that are currently in place related to COVID-19:

This week we received permission from the New York State Department of Health (DOH) which allows us flexibility in determining whether or not we will continue to require masks in our Summer Success and Extended School Year programs. Federal law still requires students to wear masks while on the bus, but our decision as to whether we will require them during the school day will be made prior to the start of our programs on Monday.

School districts were also given the option of following the (then) current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance or the [DOH guidance for summer camps](#) in making decisions on other requirements currently in place. As we were digesting this information and determining our next steps in these regards, today the CDC released [a new guidance document for K-12 schools](#) which provides even greater flexibility in masking, social distancing, etc. We have been in contact with our County Health Commissioner who in turn is speaking with DOH to determine if we can begin utilizing this new document to guide us in determining other potential changes to the requirements in our summer programs as well as in planning for our fall reopening. Once we receive an answer to these questions I will update you on our next steps.

Thanks and enjoy the weekend.

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