

## RESOLUTION REQUIRING FACE MASKS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, Governor Eric J. Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state public health disaster emergency due to COVID-19 and extended the public health emergency through subsequent Executive Orders; and

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Allen County Schools (“NACS”) initially opened the 2021-2022 school year with a “mask-optional” policy; and

**WHEREAS**, significant numbers of students have been isolated or quarantined due to COVID-19 in the first few weeks of school, with the number of isolated and quarantined students increasing each week; and

**WHEREAS**, federal, state, and local officials have encouraged schools to require masks on school property and at school activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of COVID-19 cases in Allen County continues to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, at present, students under the age of 12 are ineligible for COVID-19 vaccines; and

**WHEREAS**, a mask requirement is an important strategy, at this time, to slow the spread of COVID-19, reduce isolations and quarantines, and allow NACS to remain open for in-person school.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of School Trustees of Northwest Allen County Schools reinstates the mandatory face mask rules used during the 2021 summer sessions which are set forth in the “2021 Summer School and Summer Activity Procedures.” These mask procedures will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2021, and will expire at 11:59 p.m. on October 14, 2021. In summary, these rules require all persons on NACS property or at NACS activities to wear masks unless:

1. They are 6 feet or more apart from all persons;
2. They are outside;
3. They are engaged in high-exertion activities such as physical activities implemented during physical education classes, sports, or marching band;
4. They are eating or drinking;
5. They are covered by any other exception required by federal or state law.