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Dear Parents and Guardians of Head Start and Early Head Start Children,

The CDC recently updated guidelines in regards to masking in public spaces based on “Community Levels”. Based on this information and the Community Levels in the counties we are serving, we feel it is time to update our requirements and to let you know how Head Start will proceed moving forward:

- 1. As of Monday, April 4, all teachers, staff, children, parents, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, will no longer be required to be masked while in our facilities.**
- 2. Children, staff, and visitors may choose to wear a mask when they feel it is appropriate for their own health but will not be required to do so.**
- 3. Children, staff, and visitors may still be asked to wear a mask while transporting in Head Start vehicles.**

We are aware that we may need to reverse this decision at some point based on the potential outcome of a court decision or if conditions in our service areas spike. However, after weighing many factors, we feel that ending the requirement for masks in our facilities is the best decision at this time.

Certainly, someone may individually choose to wear a mask, or a parent may choose to have their child wear a mask, but the requirement will be lifted agency-wide on April 4. We feel, this decision best serves the interests of our children, families, and staff.

Thank you for your continued support as we maneuver through the next phase of this pandemic and into the future.

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