American Renaissance School

Health & Safety Committee Report

March 8, 2022

The ARS Board of Directors met for their regular monthly meeting on March 8, 2022. The Health & Safety Committee presented their monthly report including a review of the new CDC COVID-19 Community Level Tool that was released on February 25, 2022. This new tool helps communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data within their community. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in your local area.

COVID-19 Community Levels

ARS will continue:

1. **Operating under Plan 1 (masks optional)**
2. **Masks will be RECOMMENDED but not REQUIRED on all ARS public transportation**
    a. We will continue to comply with all CATS requirements accordingly
3. **Masks will be RECOMMENDED but not REQUIRED for in-school exposures by grade level**
    a. Families will be notified by grade-level of in-school positive COVID-19 exposures

The Board of Directors voted in favor of the following recommendations by the Health & Safety Committee:

1. **Masks will be RECOMMENDED but not REQUIRED for all visitors on both ARS campuses**

As of March 8, 2022 in Iredell County, community level is currently LOW (green). ARS currently has zero active positive COVID-19 reported cases.

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Low	Medium	High
• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms	• If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms	• Wear a mask indoors in public • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms • Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

If you are immunocompromised, learn more about how to protect yourself.

The ARS Health & Safety Committee will continue to evaluate local and school data and will make a recommendation on future mask policies at the next regularly scheduled board meeting in April.

A copy of the ARS COVID-19 Dashboard, Health & Safety Committee's presentation from the March 8, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting and the NC Strong Schools Toolkit are available on the COVID-19 page of the ARS website.

-ARS Health & Safety Committee