



# Milwaukee Academy of Science

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## IMPORTANT NOTE

Dear MAS parents,

As you have likely heard, the CDC has released a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take called “**COVID-19 Community Levels.**” 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 an area. [Click here to view the tool.](#) This community rate is reassessed weekly and updated on Thursday evenings by the CDC.

The recommendation is that universal mask mandates and quarantines are only recommended when a community level is at High. The Milwaukee Health Department has endorsed this guidance and encourages schools to make local decisions and policy. Currently Milwaukee’s level is “Low.”

**MAS will be following the new CDC guidelines starting this coming Monday, April 11th.** We will continue to wear masks this week (April 4-8<sup>th</sup>) and if the community level is “Low” as of Friday, we will begin with masks being optional inside the building on Monday, April 11th. Parents will receive notices about the community level from the school and any changes that need to be made accordingly. MAS may require indoor mask wearing and quarantines if there is a notable increase in cases of COVID in our school building/community, even if the Community Rate is Low.

All other policies, including those around symptoms, exposure, testing and quarantine if someone is positive for COVID-19, remain unchanged. Please continue to report anything COVID-related to Sal Vazquez, COVID Coordinator, at 414-791-6012.

A few more details about how MAS will remain proactive in monitoring the COVID situation in our school building and community:

- Masks will still be available at our front entrances for students, staff, and visitors
- Parents will still be notified of positive cases in the classroom
- [Our COVID Dashboard](#) will continue to be updated weekly (on Fridays)
- Masks may be required for large gatherings as determined by the school
- Regular cleaning routines will be maintained
- Parents should continue to take precaution around student sickness and keep kids home and/or have them COVID tested before returning (this is not mandatory)

I am encouraged by the low rates of COVID both in our community and our school, however am aware that this lull may not last. Let’s all continue to be safe during this next phase of the COVID pandemic. Thank you for your support.

Thank you,

Anthony McHenry  
Chief Executive Officer