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Masking Questions and Answers

- Q Will parents be informed if a student in their class is mask exempt, along with the specific procedures for protection?
- A The teacher will notify families in the class if a student has received a waiver and provide information on any additional safety measures being taken. However, faculty will not share information regarding the nature of the waiver request or the student's name (even if his or her classmates do.)
- Q I read that masking will occur "for at least the first several weeks." What happens after that? Will there be another meeting, or will only unvaccinated students and staff need masks?
- A We will continue to monitor the local health conditions and make decisions in consultation with local health officials. The situation is fluid and resists simplistic criteria or timelines for deciding whether Rivermont might (or might not) change our policies. Rest assured that our goal is safety first, and we are vigilantly monitoring all reputable sources for guidance.
- Q What percentage of faculty and staff are currently fully vaccinated?
- A While we cannot get into employee-specific information, 86% of faculty and staff are currently vaccinated.
- Q What conditions warrant a masking waiver, and will we be notified if there are students in our child's classroom who won't be masked?
- A Mask waivers must communicate a clear and critical health-related need or Sincerely Held Religious Belief. Health-related applications must include specific diagnostic information and a licensed and practicing M.D. letter explaining why the waiver should be granted. Waiver applications under the Sincerely Held Religious Belief category must include specific doctrinal evidence, along with a written explanation of why this waiver should be granted.
- Q My child is vaccinated. Do I need to send proof (like a copy of his card) to the school?
- A Not at this time. We hope to move towards tracking who is vaccinated and making policy changes for those students in the future, so please stay tuned for future announcements.