

Parents of Laurel Elementary students:

Today was our third straight day in the orange according to **the Kentucky Department of Health incidence rate map**, therefore masks **will be strongly recommended** in all Lewis County Board of Education buildings/schools beginning **tomorrow** until/if we return to red.

Masks due to Federal mandate, will still be required on busses.

It is strongly recommended to continue with the wearing masks in the building. We have several students who have either weakened immune systems or have disabilities that can be compromised. **Wearing masks will help us keep the buildings open and students in school.**

Wearing masks will lessen the number of students and adults who could possibly get quarantined in the event of a positive covid case. For example; if a student in your room tests positive and all in the room have masks on we have to contact trace everyone within 3 feet in all directions. In the event students aren't masked, well it can get exponential.

While I will not enforce the wearing of masks, **it is highly recommended that students continue to wear them so that our students limit their potential/possibility of being quarantined.**

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