



Ben Hill County Charter System

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Dear Parents and Students,

As you are aware, COVID-19 is still causing challenges to our daily lives, particularly in our schools. We have continued to implement the CDC and DPH COVID-19 safety guidelines and protocols in our schools and extra-curricular activities each day. After gathering data from our school administrators and our school nurses since the weekend, we have seen a rise in the number of symptomatic and quarantined students at both Ben Hill Middle School and the Fitzgerald High School College and Career Academy.

Since student and staff “**safety**” is our number priority in the Ben Hill County School System, I am hereby mandating that all students and staff at Ben Hill Middle School and the Fitzgerald High School College and Career Academy wear masks while inside the building and when they cannot avoid close contact during the school day. The mandate of masks for both schools will start Tuesday, August 10, 2021, and will be in place until Tuesday, August 31, 2021. We will continue to provide everyone with updates as we receive more information each day from the CDC and DPH on guidelines and protocols.

Again, thank you all for being patient and flexible during these challenging times. Please contact your individual schools with questions.

Sincerely,



Dr. J. Shawn Haralson, Superintendent