Mask Requirement Guidelines

- Dadeville students and staff will be required to wear a mask during school hours and while on the school bus.
- Students will not wear masks during recess, while eating, and occasions when students are socially distanced in class.
- Teachers will work on building in time mask breaks within their existing routines
- These requirements are a result of the Governor's new guidance on quarantine and it is important students and staff follow them to help reduce quarantine situations from occurring at school.
- This new requirement will begin Friday, November 20th.
- The mask requirements do not apply to the general public at after school events although they are encouraged.
- The school provided two masks to every student in August. Each child will receive another mask from the school Friday morning. You may use the masks provided or provide your own mask for your child. It is important that your child have a clean mask with them everyday!
- All COVID safety procedures implemented at the start of school will remain in effect. These include nightly cleaning, frequent desk and material cleaning during the day, consistent seating charts, frequent hand washing and socially distancing when possible.

To reiterate the statement from the Board that is posted on the website:

1. The decision to require masks was a difficult one that only came about due to the Governor's new quarantine guidance which relaxed quarantine guidelines if schools adopted a K-12 mask requirement.
2. Schools throughout our area have had to go virtual due to the amount of students and staff that were put in quarantine. Some schools or individual students have even been put in quarantine multiple occasions.
3. The mask requirement's purpose is to reduce or prevent the number of quarantines in school so our students have the best opportunity to learn onsite as opposed to virtually.
4. The Board will review COVID protocols regularly to consider if they continue to be necessary.