

Dear AES Families and Staff,

I want to share an update on our current COVID-19 mitigation response level. The COVID-19 Response Team, which meets regularly to review active cases within the Ashland community and our school, has noted that our local data is improving. This positive trajectory has shifted our current mitigation response level from orange to yellow. (The Mitigation Response Level descriptions can be found in the AES Opening Plan on the school website.)

Despite improvement in local active case numbers, community transmission levels are still high. The yellow response level maintains our current requirement of masking indoors.

Following the February break, the COVID-19 Response Team will meet on March 11th to review the current conditions. If warranted, the COVID-19 Response Team will make a recommendation to the School Board that we move towards the blue response level which would mean masks would be optional for students and staff. Following the March 11th meeting, I will update families and staff regarding any recommendations that will be brought to the School Board.

The School Board Meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2022 and is open to the public. If you have comments you would like to share regarding a possible shift in the COVID-29 mitigation response level, but are unable to attend this meeting, please share your feedback using aes_opening.conversation@aesk8.org and your comments will be shared with the School Board.

Sincerely,
Kelly Avery, Principal