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Dear Families and Staff,

Norwell High School has reached the 80% vaccination threshold as outlined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). DESE has approved our attestation application. Starting on Monday, November 1, 2021, masks will be optional for fully vaccinated students and staff while indoors. Unvaccinated students and staff are required to continue wearing masks while indoors. Vaccinated students and staff are welcome to continue wearing masks. We ask everyone to be respectful of those wearing masks as there are many reasons why an individual may continue to wear a mask.

As a reminder, by federal public health order, all students and staff are required to wear a mask on school buses. The Athletic Director will provide further guidance to teams and spectators when Norwell High School is playing indoor contests with other schools either at home or away.

Please note further that the DESE reserves the right, following consultation with medical experts and state health officials, to re-institute the DESE's mask mandate at Norwell High School, if it becomes appropriate based on state and local public health data.

The current COVID-19 Pass has been updated for High School students, staff, and visitors. Individuals will need to respond to one of two prompts:

- I am fully vaccinated and understand that masks are optional
- I am unvaccinated and understand that masks are required

The Pass will continue to be checked upon entrance to the building.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Keegan
Superintendent of Schools