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Dear Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF) Families:

The Department of Defense recently revised its guidance for indoor masking following updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations. As a result, CYS prevention and control measures and practices will now be based on the CDC's Community Levels in the county where a DoD installation or facility is located.

COVID-19 Community Levels are identified as low, medium or high. The installation command and military public health team will publish COVID-19 Community Levels for Fort Stewart/HAAF here: <https://home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/my-fort/covid>

What does this mean for masks and screening testing in CYS programs?

- Low Community Level: Staff, patrons, and children/youth no longer need to wear masks when participating CYS programs. Children (over the age of 5)/youth are not required to wear face masks on CYS buses but are required to follow policies and requirements of any private or public school bus when used. The screening testing program is not required for that installation or facility.
- Medium Community Level: Staff, patrons, and children/youth over the age of 2, working/participating in Child Development Centers will be required to mask. Staff and children in School Age or Youth programs will not be required to wear masks.
 - Children (over the age of 5)/youth are not required to wear face masks on CYS buses but are required to follow policies and requirements of any private or public school bus when used.
 - During periods of medium community transmission, the screening testing program shall be utilized in CYS facilities and programs.
- High Community Level: All staff, patrons, and children/youth will wear masks indoors as well as when riding on a bus. During periods of high community transmission, screening testing program shall be utilized in all CYS facilities and programs.

What has not changed?

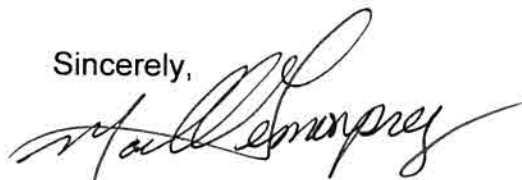
- Anyone can choose to wear a mask.

- Children/youth must be healthy to participate in CYS programs. Please continue to home screen before dropping off your child at a CYS program.
- Let your program know if your child or family member tests positive or has been identified as close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.
- All other mitigation strategies that we have implemented in our programs – physical distancing, good hygiene and handwashing, cleaning and sanitation – will remain in effect.
- We will continue to remain vigilant, as our top priority is the health and safety of our children/youth, staff and our community.

Thank You for Your Support

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the CYS Coordinator at 912-767-3098.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Germonprez', written in a cursive style.

Mark Germonprez
Director
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