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Good Afternoon Families of ECDS-

As of Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, we received strong recommendations from the Office of Child Development and the Department of Human Services regarding children wearing masks in a childcare setting. We are encouraged to base all decisions considering children, families, and teacher's overall health and other important recommendations from the CDC for Early Childhood Education and Child Care Programs.

The CDC in conjunction with OCDEL and DHS has indicated that masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (ages 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated. *ECE settings may implement universal mask use in some situations, such as if they have increasing, substantial, or high COVID-19 transmission in their ECE program or community, or while they serve a population not yet eligible for vaccination.*

Because our most important goal is the health and safety of our community as a whole, Emilie Christian Day School's policy is that masks will be required for all parents and visitors inside the building during pick up and drop off **effective our new school year September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. In addition, masks will be required for children indoors and not required for anyone outside. Lastly, Emilie Christian Day School staff, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear their masks inside the building.

- Parents and visitors will continue to wear masks indoors during pick up and drop off*
- Families are still required to check their child in on Pro-Care and answer all Covid-19 questions*
- Current families may start practicing with their children wearing masks now during the last few weeks of Summer camp if they wish to before it is mandatory for the Fall*

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the office.

Thank you for your time,

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