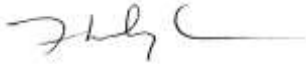




MEMO: Staff, Participants, Parents, Caregivers
FROM: Michael Maybee 
DATE: August 9, 2021
RE: **COVID-19 Return to Indoor Masking August 11, 2021**

First, I'd like to thank all of you for your ongoing patience and understanding over the past 17 months through all of the change we've experienced together due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I also want to thank you once again for participating in WOI's COVID-19 vaccination clinics and for your diligence in pursuing the vaccination process. WOI staff and participants are over 95% vaccinated. Due to our high vaccination rate, science tells us we ourselves are quite safe from a serious COVID infection.

Now it is time for us all to act once again **to protect the children and those medically fragile members** of our community who cannot yet be vaccinated. As our area currently has many summer visitors and returning students from high infection low vaccination areas it has become necessary, for the benefit of others, for the **Town of Boone to institute an indoor mask mandate starting August 10 at 5:00 PM.**

As such, **Watauga Opportunities will require indoor mask usage starting Wednesday August 11, 2021, at all locations.** We will have masks available for any who forget or don't yet have their own mask. Please contact your program manager or myself with any questions. Once again, thank you.