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Dear preschool and childcare families:

This letter is to inform you that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has issued a "Gatherings and Face Mask Order" update as of last Friday. These guidelines will take effect on **Monday, April 26th** and will directly impact your child.

This order is largely an extension of the previous order, with one important change. **The mask mandate is being expanded to include children ages 2-4.** Here's what that means:

- The general mask mandate now applies to children ages 2 and up (instead of ages 5 and up). That means that younger children will be expected to wear masks in public places. This means masks must be worn in the classroom setting, in addition to on busses, in hallways and on the playground. Students will be allowed to remove masks when eating.
- This order is in line with recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics. The AAP explains, "Face masks can be safely worn by all children 2 years of age and older, including the vast majority of children with underlying health conditions, with rare exception. Children 2 years of age and older have demonstrated they can be taught basic infection control skills (such as hand washing, sneeze/cough etiquette, and physical distancing), including wearing a face mask."
- Please note that our staff will continue to wear masks as they have been all school year. When it can be safely done, mask breaks will also be provided for your child.

Your child's safety and well-being are of the utmost importance to us! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Weston office at (810) 724-9812. We appreciate your patience and understanding as this year has been challenging and ever changing.

Sincerely,

Jenny Buhl-Hagey

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