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Norman Oestrike, M.D. Health Officer

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Ms. Emily Tracy, Superintendent Brown County School Corporation PO Box 38 Nashville, IN 47448

Dear Ms. Tracy:

The Brown County Health Department strongly recommends the wearing of masks in the school and in the classrooms to aid in the control of the spread of the Covid virus, Delta variant. This is also the recommendation of the CDC. This mask wearing recommendation applies to all students and staff, whether vaccinated or not. They all have the capacity to spread this new Delta variant.

The new Delta virus is significantly more virulent than the original virus.

The best way to stop the spread of this disease is for ALL persons above 12 years of age to be vaccinated.

Sincerely,

Norman Oestrike, MD Brown County Health Officer