



WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

February 18, 2022

Dear Faculty and Staff/Parent/Caregiver:

As you may have already heard, Commissioner Riley, along with Governor Baker recently announced that the state mask requirement will expire on February 28, 2022. In response, the Westport School Committee voted to suspend its current face covering policy during last night's meeting. As a result, the Westport Community Schools district will eliminate the current face covering policy beginning on Monday, February 28th. We continue to work closely with the Westport Board of Health to follow the case trends of the town and school, and are hopeful this current decreasing trend will continue. As part of our mitigation strategies and precautions, we will continue to implement Symptomatic testing and "At-Home testing", for those who have opted into these programs.

Masks are still **required** in certain situations:

- As per federal requirements, face coverings are still required on school buses.
- As per the CDC and DPH, face coverings are required in nurses' offices.
- Anyone returning from a positive COVID diagnosis or outside of school exposure is required to wear a mask from Day 6-10 post-diagnosis or post-exposure.

DESE and DPH **strongly recommend** that unvaccinated individuals should continue to wear masks in school settings.

As a reminder, individuals who experience COVID symptoms should stay home and obtain testing. If they receive a negative result and their symptoms improve (including remaining fever-free for a 24-hour period without fever-reducing medication), they can return to school but should also wear a mask until their symptoms fully resolve.

Any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk from COVID, will be supported in that choice.

Please ensure that your child continues to bring a mask to school. Students should **NOT** be boarding the bus without a mask.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding with this new information. As always, your/your child's safety is our top priority. We will continue to follow state and local guidelines and recommendations as we continue to navigate these challenging times.

Sincerely,

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