



FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Updated Masking Guidance

March 21, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to see the dramatic decrease in COVID-19 cases continue to decline across the state, LA County and among our schools. Gavin Newsom and state officials ended the state mask mandate for schools effective March 11, 2022. At that time, the Fenton schools continued to require masks for adults and staff working on campus. We have received additional guidance from LADPH related to the shift in guidance for indoor masking from required to “strongly recommended” at childcare sites and K-12 schools. See the links below for additional information.

- [Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools: Appendix T1](#)
- [COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance in TK-12 Schools: Appendix T2](#)

Effective Wednesday, March 23, 2022, Fenton's masking guidance for adults and staff will shift to "strongly recommended" for indoor masking. We do anticipate the use of masks indoors to be high among our staff and students through Spring Break. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 cases and make adjustments in alignment with public health guidance and conditions. The following COVID-19 protocols will continue:

- Weekly PCR testing will remain for all students and staff;
- Available KN95, N95, or surgical masks to employees and students upon request;
- Fenton will provide take-home rapid-antigen tests to all staff and students prior to Spring Break;
- Indoor masking will continue to be strongly recommended;
- Fenton will continue to maintain our COVID-19 testing positivity rates on our [website](#).

Regardless of your stance on the topic of wearing masks, we encourage you to help us model for our children how to respectfully respond to individuals with a different perspective on wearing masks. Our goal is to create a supportive and nurturing environment for our students regardless of their individual stance on wearing masks. Thank you for your continued support while we face unprecedented global health, economic and political challenges in our attempt to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

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