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FACE COVERINGS

The Webster Public School District is committed to providing a safe environment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On February 9th, 2022, the Governor announced the state wide mask mandate would be lifted on February 28th, 2022 and it would return to local control on face mask policies.

Beginning February 28th, the Webster Public School District will not enforce mask wearing in school, unless a person has tested positive or is symptomatic. In the case of a positive result students, staff, and/or visitors, must continue to follow the guidelines of isolation/ quarantining and wear a mask for 10 days from their positive results. (Refer to COVID Protocols for SY 2021-2022).

Given the federal requirements for bus transportation, the Webster Public School District will continue to enforce mandatory mask wearing on all buses. Should the federal requirement be dismissed, the Superintendent will lift the mask requirement for the Webster Public School District.

Any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk from COVID- 19, should be supported in that choice. DESE and DPH strongly recommend unvaccinated individuals should continue to wear masks in school settings.

A student's mask or face covering is to be provided by the student's family. Staff members are responsible for providing their own face coverings. However, the district will supply disposable face covering for individuals who use school transportation in cases when they do not have one.

If students are in violation of this policy, the building principal will consult with the parent/ guardians. Violations of this policy by staff will be handled in the same manner as other violations of School Committee policy.

Should another surge of a COVID variant occur, this policy will be reviewed and updated as needed to ensure the safety of students, staff and community.

This policy will remain in place until rescinded by the School Committee.

SOURCE: https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid 19/on-desktop/2022-0209mask-requirement-update.pdf

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