



Mask Regulation for Schools

Recently Governor Cuomo formally adopted the new CDC Guidelines for mask wearing for New York State. The guidelines state the following:

- Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, **except** where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance
- Fully vaccinated people can refrain from testing following a known exposure unless they are residents or employees of a correctional or detention facility or a homeless shelter

As identified in bullet one of the CDC Guidelines it is noted that there is an exception regarding mask wearing when required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

In Cuomo's recent release he explicitly stated the following:

“Pre-K to 12 Schools, Public Transit, Homeless Shelters, Correctional Facilities, Nursing Homes, and Healthcare Settings will be Exempt Until More New Yorkers are Fully Vaccinated.”

Therefore, the mask mandate has **not** changed in our School District based on this information and will remain in place until we receive further guidance.