13 responses Accepting responses Question Individual Summary Which option do you most support in terms of masking? 13 responses CDC guidance ("Strongly recommended") 46.2% Universal masking PreK - 12 Universal masking PreK-8, Strongly Recommended 9-12 Universal masking PreK-12 when Oxford County is in substantial or high 15.4% transmission rates Other (please describe in question 2) 30.8%

Explain "other" from question 1 if applicable.

3 responses

Universal masking preK-6, or PreK-5 - the group that is not old enough for a vaccine. OR Universal masking when the case count reaches 3-5 cases in the same building.

The trends are showing transmission at higher rates between unvaccinated and vaccinated. I believe it to be beneficial to have universal masking for prek-12.

People should feel free to mask up if it makes them feel safer but people should not be forced to wear a mask (espescially if they are vaccinated).

Please note anything else you feel the board needs to hear:

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In order for us to keep kids in school, we need to decrease the community transmission. Schools are part of the community. Universal masking is one of the many mitigating measures we can take to help lower community transmission. The data on the safety of schools with universal masking is overwhelming.

It is our responsibility to follow the advice of public health experts. "Strongly recommended" means we should all be masking, and the science supports that recommendation. We kept cases to a minimum last year by mandating masking, distancing, and hand hygiene. We need to continue to follow that guidance this year.

This is lose-lose because masking has become so political. There will never be a single scenario that doesn't trigger one side or the other. Either the anti-maskers will be angry because we're putting kids in masks, or the universal maskers will be angry because we didn't put kids in masks. But if, as a district, we mean it when we say we want to keep kids in school, the only way to safely do that is universal masking PreK-12, like it or not. So, it's really not a choice between masks or not, it's a choice between quarantine or not. Do you want your kids in school or don't you? - And I'd be willing to bet if you ask the KIDS (not the adults) - a wide majority would tell you they will wear a mask if it means they can be at school, with their friends and their teachers, and have their activities.

as a district we need to have an Infectious Disease Response SOP. The Framework that we had last year kept our schools open far more that our counterparts around the state and country. There is too many conflicting reports/stories/data and I don't like playing around with the health and welfare of our students/children.

As the numbers of COVId infections continue to increase, I feel it's responsible for the district to increase its response to keep students and staff safe as well as keep our school open.