



February 9, 2022

Dear Greenville Families and Staff,

Today, Governor Hochul announced that, while the indoor mask mandate for businesses will end tomorrow, masks will still be required in certain settings, including schools. In early March, the state will make an assessment on mask protocols in schools based on the latest metrics. This includes cases per 100K, percent positivity, hospital admissions, pediatric hospitalizations, vaccinations, and global trends.

The state is currently drafting proposed guidelines that would be put in place, if the mask mandate were to end, based on feedback from state education groups.

The Governor also indicated that the state is providing public schools with test kits that will be sent home with students prior to the winter break. The District has received those test kits and will be sending them home with students and staff the week of February 14th. The tests are intended for staff and families to use on Sunday, February 27th or Monday morning, February 28th, to help support a safe return to school following the break.

**COVID Testing Prior to Returning from February Break**

- Anyone who tests positive on a take-home test should immediately report their results to the school and begin isolating. Families must also report any positive at-home test result through their local department of health county website at [www.greenegovernment.com/report-positive-covid-test](http://www.greenegovernment.com/report-positive-covid-test) or <https://forms.albanycounty.com/Forms/dcu8G>.
- Any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, must isolate at home for 5 days, where day "0" is the day of symptom onset or (if asymptomatic) the day of collection of the first positive specimen. At this time, individuals cannot test out of isolation. If asymptomatic at the end of 5 days, or if symptoms are resolving, isolation ends and the individual should wear a well-fitting mask while around others for an additional 5 days.
  - Improving symptoms would include no fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, no runny nose and no productive cough.
- Taking part in testing is voluntary. We strongly encourage that you utilize these home test kits for your children. If you or others in your household need to be tested, please visit <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you> to find a nearby testing site.

Earlier this week, school superintendents throughout our BOCES region sent a letter to the New York State Department of Health Commissioner, Dr. Mary Bassett, advocating for the NYS Department of Health to work with our school districts to chart a clear path forward. The full letter can be viewed [here](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate the changing guidance impacting our schools.

Sincerely,



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