

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

Last night, the School Committee voted to amend the Mask Policy to reflect a mask optional school environment at the Marlborough Public Schools. Here is what you need to know:

1. Students, staff, and visitors are not required to wear a face mask in school buildings but may do so if desired. The district supports any student, staff, or visitor's decision to wear a mask.
2. Masks are optional on school buses and are no longer required.

By regulation, there are still two instances where a face mask will be required until these rules are rescinded by the Commonwealth. The following rules are still in place for public schools:

1. Face Masks are required in all school health offices.
2. Students and staff returning to school from a five (5) day isolation following a positive COVID-19 test must follow strict mask use (other than when eating, drinking, or outside) and conduct active monitoring for symptoms, through day 10 of testing positive for COVID-19.

This change to the face mask policy will be effective on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Thank you,

Michael Bergeron

Superintendent of Schools