



Update: Indoor Mask-wearing Requirements

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Dear Irvington School Community,

Following up my letter of earlier today, I am writing to advise you that the Irvington UFSD has just been advised that a temporary stay has been issued in connection with yesterday's Nassau County Supreme Court ruling that determined that the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) did not have the authority to mandate mask-wearing in school buildings. This stay will be in effect pending an ultimate determination on the merits of the decision, which will be argued on Friday morning.

What does this mean?

The requirement for individuals to wear masks indoors on school property is again in effect through *at least* Friday. To begin the day tomorrow, this information will be announced in each school, and our familiar mask protocols will be enforced. Your cooperation in reminding your child(ren) to come to school prepared to cooperate with this health measure is greatly appreciated.

I appreciate your patience and understanding during these complicated times. Every day, my commitment remains to the health and safety of our students and staff members. However, at all times, the District's practices must always be consistent with applicable laws and regulations. Should there be any further changes to health and safety requirements in our schools, I will communicate them with the school community.

My best regards,

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