



Important Face Mask Update

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Dear Irvington School Community,

As you know, on Friday Governor Cuomo made statements during a press conference that the wearing of masks would no longer be a requirement in schools. Over the weekend, in response to these statements, there were numerous communications that came from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and professional organizations. The Governor's Office then issued a statement that he would address this topic today in another press conference, but that the requirement to wear masks in schools had not been lifted. Earlier today, the CDC opined that they would not recommend eliminating wearing masks in schools due to the fact that most school-aged children have yet to be vaccinated.

In the Governor's press conference today, he modified the statements that he made on Friday. Rather than stating that mask wearing in schools is optional, he stated that mask wearing outside on school property is a decision to be made locally by individual school districts. **However, wearing masks inside of schools must continue and is not an option for school districts.**

Once an official communication is released by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the Irvington UFSD will consider whether to modify its requirements for wearing masks outdoors. Feedback will be an important part of making this decision and to that end the District will consult its Reopening Steering Committee prior to making a final decision.

Once a determination has been made, I will communicate this information with the school community.

My best regards,

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