



BYRAM HILLS

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 2, 2022

To the Byram Hills School Community,

As indicated in my Sunday email, the mask mandate has been lifted for schools. Last night school districts received revised [guidance](#) with a [FAQ](#) link as well.

Key points from the guidance for our schools include:

- masks are optional in school, on buses, and at school events
- no social distancing is required
- continue COVID testing weekly for mandated unvaccinated staff
- offer optional at-home testing for all students and employees
- individuals with COVID must stay home for at least 5 days and be masked on days 6-10 (same guidance as before)
- it is recommended that people who are exposed get tested

Our faculty, staff, and administrators have been preparing for this day and how to help students and each other with this transition. Principals will be working on changes to lunch rooms between now and the next school break. Parents will see a gradual return to in-person events as well.

It is my hope that we will start to see returns to the pre-COVID days. That said, the District will not be hasty in making changes as we are aware that many families traveled over the break and that we should remain vigilant in our cleaning and other proactive measures to keep our community safe.

I look forward to the day when we do not have to talk about masks - and am grateful for the strength of our entire school community in providing direction and hope for our future together.

Sincerely,

Jen Lamia, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools