

# BREAKING NEWS

Dear Jeffco Public Schools Staff and Families,

On February 11, 2022 at 11:59 pm, the Jefferson County Public Health orders requiring masks indoors will expire.

Over the past two years, the district has aligned health and safety decisions in schools on guidance from local public health. JCPH's decision to allow the mask mandate to expire is due to rapidly improving COVID-19 conditions, vaccine availability, as well as a wide range of effective prevention measures available to our schools and community – including the availability of high-quality masks for those who choose to wear one, rapid testing, good ventilation, and having people stay home when they are sick.

**Effective Saturday, February 12, masks are no longer required, but highly encouraged in all district schools and buildings.**

- Masks will be optional. This applies to all students (preschool-12th grade), staff, families and visitors in all district schools and buildings as well as students, staff, or visitors during athletics and activities.
- Masks **continue to be required on district buses**, as required by federal law.

We recognize some staff and students may choose to continue wearing a mask while in school or district buildings. As always, our schools and classrooms will provide a safe and welcoming environment for all students and staff. Behavior such as "mask shaming" will not be tolerated.