



Montgomery Township School District

Dear Montgomery Township School District Community,

As announced in last week's correspondence, Governor Murphy lifted the mask mandate for schools beginning March 7, 2022.

We have been in communication with local health officials, the school physician, union leadership, the Board of Education, and district administrators regarding masking in the district. All key metrics used throughout the pandemic to guide the district's decisions were considered. Our community continues to demonstrate a significant decrease in COVID cases, a high vaccination rate, and ample accessibility to COVID testing.

Therefore, effective March 7, 2022:

- Montgomery Township School District will **no longer mandate** mask-wearing in school buildings or on school grounds. Due to individual specific needs and concerns, mask wearing will be optional.
- Current federal mandates still **require masks to be worn on school buses**.
- All other social distancing, cleaning, and quarantine procedures will remain in place. The district will continue to follow state and local guidance.
- Caregivers will continue to keep the school nurse notified of positive COVID-19 tests and symptoms.

It remains possible that the district may need to reinstate a mandatory mask policy if outbreaks occur in our educational community or local/regional numbers of positive COVID-19 cases increase.

Our buildings are committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all students, staff, and visitors. We are mindful that the decision to wear or not wear a mask is personal and will be left to the discretion of individuals and caregivers.

Thank you for your continued support of each other and the district.

Sincerely,

Mary E. McLoughlin
Superintendent