

**AS OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022, FACE-  
MASKS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO BE  
WORN IN SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK.**

**IT'S NORMAL TO FEEL ANXIOUS ABOUT CHANGE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS,  
ASK YOUR TEACHER OR ANOTHER TRUSTED ADULT.**

**GUIDANCE CHANGED  
BECAUSE CASES ARE GOING  
DOWN. THIS DECISION WAS  
BASED ON GOOD AND  
RELIABLE SCIENCE.**



**I CHOOSE TO STILL  
WEAR A MASK!**



**THANKS FOR  
TELLING ME!**



**REGARDLESS OF  
WHETHER MASKING IS  
REQUIRED YOU MAY  
STILL CHOOSE TO  
WEAR A MASK.**

**BE RESPECTFUL AND KIND  
TO YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY,  
AND TEACHERS WHETHER  
THEY CHOOSE TO WEAR A  
FACE-MASK OR NOT.**



# **AS OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022, FACE-MASKS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO BE WORN IN SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK STATE.**

**CHANGE CAN BE HARD AND STRESSFUL, ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS. BELOW ARE SOME ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS STUDENTS MAY ASK.**

## **WHY DID THE GUIDANCE CHANGE?**

AS THE SCIENCE AROUND COVID-19 EVOLVES, SO DO RECOMMENDATIONS. DECISIONS ARE BASED ON THE BEST, MOST RECENT SCIENCE. THE CDC'S NEW COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL FRAMEWORK TAKES INTO ACCOUNT DIFFERENT COMMUNITY INDICATORS OF COVID-19.

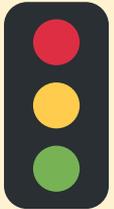


## **WHEN SHOULD I WEAR A MASK?**

-  THE CDC NOW RECOMMENDS PEOPLE WEAR FACE-MASKS WHEN IN AN AREA WITH A HIGH COMMUNITY COVID-19 LEVEL.
-  IN AREAS WITH A MEDIUM COMMUNITY COVID-19 LEVEL, THOSE WHO ARE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED OR AT RISK FOR SEVERE DISEASE SHOULD TALK TO THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ABOUT MASKING.
-  IN AREAS WITH A LOW COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL, PEOPLE MAY WEAR A MASK BASED ON THEIR PERSONAL PREFERENCE.

## **HOW DO I KNOW WHAT MY COUNTY'S COMMUNITY COVID-19 LEVEL IS?**

THE CDC COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVELS WEBPAGE HAS DATA AVAILABLE FOR ALL NYS COUNTIES.



## **CAN I STILL WEAR A MASK?**

YES! EVERYONE MAY CHOOSE TO STILL WEAR A MASK. PEOPLE MAY CHOOSE TO CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK DUE TO BEING IMMUNOCOMPROMISED AND AT HIGHER RISK OF SEVERE COVID-19, BEING UNABLE TO BE VACCINATED, OR CARING FOR SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS HIGH RISK.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT TO BE RESPECTFUL OF EVERYONE'S PERSONAL CHOICE TO WEAR A FACE-MASK OR NOT.**