



Dear Lowell Public Schools Students, Staff, Families and Community Partners,

This message is an update to our district-wide mask protocol, which will be lifted on Monday, March 7. This decision was made in accordance with guidance from the City of Lowell Department of Health, who had recommended that mask requirements be lifted for public schools on Monday, February 28. Taking into consideration that February 28 will be the first day back from the February break, it has been decided that the mask mandate for all Lowell Public Schools will continue through Friday, March 4, and will be lifted on the following Monday, March 7.

Though we will be lifting our current mask mandate, we are still taking necessary measures to ensure the health and safety of our students.

Continued Requirements:

- Masks will still be required in nurse's offices.
- Masks will still be required on buses due to federal regulations.
- Quarantining guidelines have not changed and should still be adhered to by students and staff who test positive for COVID-19.

Continued Recommendations:

- Wearing a mask starting on Monday, March 7, is a choice but not required.
- DESE and DPH highly recommend that students and staff returning to school from quarantine should wear a mask but it is not required.
- At-home COVID-19 testing kits will be sent home with your child(ren) today, for those who have signed up. Each test kit contains two tests. If you have not signed up for your child(ren) but would like to, [please click here](#). We encourage you to test your children on Sunday, February 20, at the start of vacation and Sunday, February 27, before returning to school.
- If your child should begin to develop flu symptoms, it is still recommended that they wear a mask.

In collaboration with the City of Lowell Department of Health, we will continue to monitor COVID-19 transmission rates within the city and will keep our community informed of any health updates as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Boyd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Joel D. Boyd

Superintendent of Schools