



# Bridgeton Public Schools

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### \*\*\*\*Mask Policy Update and Information\*\*\*\*

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Dear Parents and Bridgeton Community:

This letter is to inform you that as of today, we plan to continue with our mandatory masking policy on all district buses and across all Bridgeton Public Schools beyond Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> per current CDC recommendations. While the state of New Jersey has lifted the indoor mask mandate for schools, effective March 7<sup>th</sup>, until further notice, all Bridgeton Public Schools students and district employees will remain masked in all school buildings, offices, and on district school buses. This decision was made after reviewing student and staff vaccination rates, current CDC guidance, current federal regulations governing safety on school buses, and consulting with our local health department.

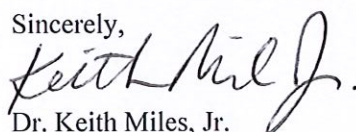
We do not plan for our students and staff to wear masks forever. We will continue to review CDC guidance, case rates, positivity rates, federal/state mandates, and vaccination rates weekly. Once it is safe and the CDC recommends we do so, we will notify families and lift our indoor masking mandate.

In the meantime, we would like to consider our parents' thoughts and opinions on our decision to remain masked. Please visit our Bridgeton Public Schools website, scroll down to "News and Announcements", and complete our brief "Parent/Community Masking Survey". The survey is very brief (1 question) and will only accept one response per IP address.

On the survey, you will be asked to select the response that best represents your opinion on masking:

- A. I would like for the district to continue with mandatory masking until the end of the academic school year (June of 2022).
- B. I would like for the district to continue with mandatory masking until the end of summer programming (August of 2022).
- C. I would like for the district to continue with mandatory masking until rates are lower and the CDC says it is safe to do so.
- D. I would like for the district to stop requiring masks for all students and staff on March 7, 2022, when Governor Murphy's indoor masking requirement expires.

The staff at Bridgeton Public Schools and I continue to work hard to navigate all the changing policies and mandates related to COVID-19. We thank you in advance for your feedback. We appreciate your support and look forward to a continued partnership! #StrongerTogether

Sincerely,  
  
Dr. Keith Miles, Jr.  
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