



Rochester Area School District
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Dear RASD Community,

As we have shared previously, the RASD approved Health and Safety Plan states the following regarding wearing masks in the building:

In the event our district numbers increase, we will implement universal masking. An increase is defined as twenty or more positive or presumed positive cases in a two week period in either the elementary school or middle school/high school combined. If cases decrease to a normal level (below twenty cases for two consecutive weeks) we will recommend masks be optional and a person's individual choice.

Our numbers increased dramatically upon our return from break in January. We experienced numbers higher than we ever had since the onset of the pandemic. The numbers continued to be elevated for a month. I am happy to share that both our elementary and middle/high numbers have decreased drastically. **Effective immediately, masks are optional.** Per CDC order, masks are still required on school buses.

Also, as a reminder, **Monday, February 21**, is designated as an Emergency Make-Up Day in our school calendar. There is **no school on Monday**. School resumes on Tuesday, February 22.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate these ever-changing circumstances.

Sincerely,

Jane W. Bovalino, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools