

February 10, 2022

Dear Tavelli families,

Happy Thursday!! Beginning Monday, February 14th, Poudre School District will lift the district's mask mandate. This decision aligns with the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment's [announcement](#) that its current order requiring masks in public indoor spaces expires at the same time. Public health officials still recommend wearing masks, and we ask that everyone treat one another with dignity and respect, whether they choose to wear one or not. We will support each member of our school community and their personal decisions. Any type of teasing or harassment based on masks will not be tolerated. We will not be seating children based on who is masked or not masked. **Please talk to your child about your decision for them to continue wearing a mask or stop wearing a mask at school. We ask that your child knows your expectations concerning masks at school.** Families are encouraged to send a mask from home if their child wears a mask. The office will have a limited supply if a child forgets and requests one.

Masks will still be required in some settings, according to public health guidance for schools. PSD is still awaiting finalized guidance from the health department, but masks will still be required in at least the following instances but not limited to:

- On school buses, [according to a federal mandate](#). Students may not get on a bus without a mask.
- In Early Childhood Education classrooms and facilities, [according to federal mandate](#).
- Those positive or required to quarantine for COVID must isolate for five full days and return on day six only if symptoms are improving; they must wear a mask on days six through 10, according to state and county health guidance.
- Those sick for greater than 24-48 hours that choose not to test for covid must remain out of school for five full days and return on day six only if symptoms are improving; they must wear a mask on days six through 10.

We ask that you keep students experiencing illness symptoms home from school. Students who have any symptoms will be sent home. Each of us is responsible for the health and safety of our community.

Thank you for those who have called the office to volunteer. We will continue to be limiting visitors/volunteers. As staff request help, we will reach out to those on our list.

We appreciate your continued support.

With appreciation,
Christine Hendricks

