

Dear Liberty families,

This afternoon, New York State Governor Kathy Huchul lifted the state-wide mask mandate for schools, making the wearing of masks optional for all students, staff and visitors, effective Wednesday, March 2.

This means that beginning Wednesday, March 2, the wearing of masks will be optional in Liberty schools. Your student may go mask free, wear a mask, or may even choose to wear one in some circumstances but not in others.

Masks remain required until March 2, so students and staff must continue to wear masks in school Monday, Feb. 28 and Tuesday, March 1.

Although the governor has lifted the mask mandate, many questions regarding COVID-19 protocols, such as physical distancing and quarantine requirements, remain unaddressed. We hope to receive additional guidance in the coming days, and we will continue to keep our families updated as we learn more. Until then, please feel free to email [Questions@LibertyK12.org](mailto:Questions@LibertyK12.org) with your questions and concerns.

As always, thank you for your support,

Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Liberty Families,

As previously mentioned, New York State Governor Kathy Huchul lifted the state-wide mask mandate for schools, making the wearing of masks optional for all students, staff and visitors, effective tomorrow, Wednesday, March 2.

This means that beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, March 2, the wearing of masks will be optional in Liberty schools and busses. Your student may go mask free, wear a mask, or may even choose to wear one in some circumstances but not in others.

According to the guidance received from the New York State Department of Health, the district will continue to implement the following COVID-19 mitigation practices:

1. Contact tracing
2. Physical distancing

### 3. Quarantine requirements

It is important that we respect each other's choice of wearing or not wearing a mask.