



MORAVIA

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Dear Moravia School District Community:

As communicated on Sunday, Governor Hochul announced that ***the statewide mask mandate for schools will be lifted effective Wednesday, March 2, 2022.*** The Cayuga County Health Department has informed us they will be following the recommendations from the state and therefore supports the decision to not require masking in schools, including on school buses.

While this is yet another indicator that we are emerging from the grip of the pandemic, the Cayuga County Health Department continues to require school districts to reduce the spread of illness in our schools.

Moravia Central School District's protocol to keep our community safe as masks are now optional, includes the following:

- Our district will continue to screen students and staff for illness and send them home if ill
- Physical distancing in classrooms and lunchrooms will remain in place at this time
- Continue to use rapid tests in school for students who exhibit mild symptoms
- Additional disinfecting will happen when needed
- Students returning from isolation will be required to wear a well-fitted mask for five additional days as per current guidance

We encourage families to help reinforce with their children the ***importance of respecting each individual's right to wear a mask or not from March 2nd and beyond.*** These conversations will help us maintain a respectful and productive learning environment throughout our school district. As you know, we do not tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind.

We greatly appreciate all of the support, patience and understanding you have given us during these challenging times. We are optimistic that the numbers continue to trend in a positive manner, and any and all current restrictions will be lifted soon.

Sincerely yours,

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