

LEXINGTON MASK MANDATE LIFTED

On Tuesday, March 8, the Lexington Board of Health voted 5-0 to lift the town-wide indoor mask mandate, which includes mask requirements in schools and includes school busses, effective 12:01 AM, March 9, 2022. [Read the Rescinded Mask Mandate](#).

The Board of Health continues to recommend getting the COVID-19 vaccine and booster, staying home when you feel sick, and testing for COVID 19 when appropriate.

- Per the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, effective February 15, 2022: A fully vaccinated individual should wear a mask indoors if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease or is unvaccinated.
- All people in Massachusetts (regardless of vaccination status) are **required to continue wearing face coverings in certain settings**, including some transportation and health care facilities. As of February 25th, the CDC is no longer requiring that masks be worn on school buses or vans for K-12 students and children in childcare programs. The Departments of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and Early Education and Care (EEC) have since updated their guidance. Please see www.mass.gov/maskrules for a complete list of venues where face coverings have remained mandatory since May 29, 2021.
- Per the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, if you **test positive for COVID-19** on either a rapid antigen, including in-home tests, or PCR test, you are *required to self-isolate* – **whether you are vaccinated or not**. Do not leave your home, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas. Self-isolation means separating yourself from others to keep your germs from spreading. Regardless of vaccination status, all individuals who test positive should avoid people who are at high risk of severe disease for 10 days. **Individuals who test positive need to wear a mask around others for 10 days (including in the household).**

The Board of Health supports the continuation of mask wearing according to individual preferences. And recognizes that an individual business, place of worship or venue has the right to require patrons to wear a mask in their facility if they so choose.

The Board of Health urges all residents to show kindness and inclusivity for those with a wide range of needs in our community.

Please contact the Lexington Office of Public Health at 781-698-4533 for questions or more information.