

February 28, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please be advised of the following communication from the Centers for Disease Control related to masking on school transportation:

CDC Updates Transportation Masking Requirements

Effective Friday, February 25, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") will no longer require that masks be worn on buses or vans operated by public or private schools. This change is intended to align with the CDC's updated guidance, which no longer recommends universal masking in K-12 settings in areas with low or medium Covid-19 community levels. The CDC is effecting this change through exercise of its enforcement discretion, so while the CDC transportation Mask Order remains in effect, its requirements will no longer be enforced with regard to schools.

As a result, boards of education are no longer required to implement or enforce mask-wearing on school district transportation. Effective Monday, February 28, 2022 mask-wearing on Chardon Schools transportation (both routine and extracurricular trips) will be optional - consistent with our masking status in school buildings.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>communications@chardonschools.org</u> if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent