



WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware Families,

Good afternoon! Starting on Monday, March 7th, the Ware Public Schools' School Committee will lift the mask mandate for students, faculty, and staff. The committee voted to recommend wearing masks when in school buildings; however, it is not required. For those individuals who will be unmasking on Monday, please note there are times when the mask requirement is still in place in school buildings which is as follows:

- **Students and staff returning from a 5-day quarantine following a positive COVID test must follow mask use through day 10 of exposure.**
- **Masks will be required in all school health offices.**

On Friday, February 25th, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that it is no longer requiring that masks be worn on school buses or vans for K-12 students and children in childcare programs. At the March 2nd school committee meeting, it was voted to no longer require masks on school buses effective Monday, March 7th.

Knowing that vaccinations are one mitigating strategy that lessens the severity of the virus, WPS will be holding another vaccination clinic on Monday, March 14th. The clinic will run from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at SMK. Pre-registration for the clinic can be made at <https://bit.ly/stanleyvax>.

Stay well,

Dr. Marlene A. DiLeo
Superintendent

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