



2021-22 School Year Information

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Dear Fargo Public Schools Community,

This message is to provide you on an update on COVID-19 mitigation strategies used in our schools. Currently, universal masking is required for all students, staff, and visitors in school buildings during instructional hours.

Fargo Public Schools (FPS) mitigation strategies are based on guidance from Fargo Cass Public Health. On August 10, 2021, the Fargo Board of Education directed FPS administration to implement mitigation strategies recommended by Fargo Cass Public Health for the 2021-22 school year.

Today, Fargo Cass Public Health issued a letter to Fargo Public Schools with updated guidance on COVID-19 mitigation strategies effective Saturday, January 15, 2022. The guidance no longer requires universal masking in schools **effective Saturday, January 15, 2022**. Therefore, effective Monday, January 17, 2022, masks will be recommended, not required, in all Fargo Public School buildings. A copy of the letter sent by Fargo Cass Public Health is included below.

Masks will still be required for all riders and drivers on FPS transportation, including school buses and activity buses [due to a federal requirement](#).

FPS continues to be grateful for your understanding, cooperation, and flexibility during these difficult times. We are grateful for the support of all our patrons in promoting a healthy learning environment for all students and help transition the COVID-19 pandemic to an endemic. FPS will continue to work closely with Fargo Cass Public Health regarding COVID-19. If recommendations change, FPS will adapt and communicate accordingly.

Sincerely,
Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Superintendent
Fargo Public Schools



