

## BCA/WPS Mask Policy

Effective Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> masks will be **optional** indoors at BCA1, BCA2, and WPS campuses (see below for exceptions).

Indoor masking will still be required in the following situations:

- Masks will be **required** indoors for students, staff, and faculty at Satellite and Pre-Prep at all times
- Masks will be **required** indoors for 10 days following a direct class exposure, for all students in the respective homeroom/section and the homeroom teacher. *If a student or staff develops symptoms, they must stay home and follow our symptoms policy.*
- Masks will be **required** in the “isolation room” when symptomatic students are awaiting pickup
- Masks will be **required** in the nurse’s office (BCA) or at the front office (WPS) when care is being provided
- Masks will be **required** in performance arts classes (music/drama) when singing is performed and social distancing cannot be maintained
- Masks/bell covers will continue to be **required** in band for wind instruments (WPS)
- Masks may be **required** indoors for events or community gatherings

Additionally, masks are strongly encouraged in the following situations:

- For students and staff for 10 days following potential exposure outside of class (*if symptoms develop, individuals **must** stay home and follow symptoms policy*)
- For symptomatic students and staff recovering from a non-COVID respiratory illness following a negative test and return to school (*follow symptoms policy for return*)
- For students and staff with COVID who have tested out of isolation after day 5 and prior to day 10, following protocol

Please see our current [Isolation & Quarantine Policies](#) for more information.

Some families may choose to share their preference for masking with school staff; **however, families should be aware that school staff and teachers will not notify or remind students of their family’s preference.** The school will continue to provide masks to staff, faculty, and students as needed or desired.

We will continue to monitor case rates, hospitalizations and local hospital capacity, and variants of concern in our community and nationally. There may be times when we will need to bring back effective layered mitigations, including required masking.