

Dear Campus Community,

Beginning April 4, 2022, the district's indoor face covering requirement will end and the wearing of face coverings will no longer be mandatory (with the few CA State required exceptions as noted below). This change is being made in conformance with recent direction from both the California Department of Public Health and the Santa Clara County Health Department, both of which have rescinded their face covering requirement. We understand that many community members will be excited by this change, however we also understand that some may find it concerning.

While face coverings will no longer be required on campus, they are still **strongly recommended**. To assist everyone in making this transition, the district strongly encourages community members to consider wearing a face covering in the following circumstances:

- When the person you are interacting with is wearing a face covering
- When the space you are entering is crowded, or the space is confined, and other people are present

We would also ask that community members strictly adhere to the following practices:

- Respect the privacy of fellow campus community members by not asking why someone chooses to wear, or not wear, a face covering
- Do not require others to wear a face covering (unless in an area where face coverings are still required as noted below)

Due to ongoing county and/or state industry specific requirements, the following areas on campus will still require the use of face coverings:

- COVID-19 Testing sites
- Student Health Centers
- Child Development Centers
- District-sponsored transportation (mass transit-vans, buses)

Moving forward, the district will continue to make surgical masks and N-95 masks readily available to all faculty, staff, and students who wish to continue to wear them. These items may be picked up at the following locations on campus:

- Welcome Centers
- Division Offices
- Health Offices
- Other offices or kiosks as specifically identified by each campus

Surveillance testing will also continue to be available on campus, free of charge, and information on how to access this testing may be found here: <https://www.wvm.edu/covid-19/Pages/Communications.aspx>

Please note that the district will continue to monitor and comply with all health department requirements, and we will continue to provide updates to the community as new information becomes available.

Thank you,

District COVID-19 Response Team