



LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Families:

The Licking Heights Board of Education announced this evening, February 15, it is ending the district’s universal masking policy that has been in place since January 10, 2022.

Because of improving health conditions demonstrated by steady and significant reductions in district infection rates since middle January (see the following chart), effective Wednesday, February 16, 2022, students and staff will no longer be required to wear masks. However, masks and face-coverings remain a supported option for those who wish to continue doing so.

Please note that under federal guidelines issued last January by the CDC, masking is still required for school bus riders and drivers. That CDC order regarding mask requirements for using public transportation was recently extended until March 18, 2022. You can learn more about that order here: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/TransitMaskUp>

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our safety and health protocols, including masking policies, have been driven by local data and formulated in consultation with the several health agencies with which the district interacts.

As always, we will continue to closely monitor public health conditions and keep families and staff updated. You can find all current Licking Heights COVID policies and latest infection rate data at: <https://www.lhschools.org/COVID-19.aspx>

Most Sincerely,

Philip Wagner, Ph.D.
Superintendent

COVID-19 Positive Case Data (January-February of 2022)

