



## CDC Mask Announcement

Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan, along with the existing face covering guidance for schools and child care settings, remain in effect, despite new recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control released Thursday.

***Commissioner Heather Mueller said that through the end of the 2020-21 school year (last teacher contact day), masks must continue to be worn by everyone inside school buildings or on a school bus.***

As previously announced, proms, graduations and other end-of-year celebrations should continue to follow the Stay Safe - Entertainment Venue guidance. This guidance will continue to be updated.

Yesterday, the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) updated its COVID-19 related recommendations:

- Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, **except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.**
- Fully vaccinated people can refrain from testing following a known exposure unless they are residents or employees of a correctional or detention facility or a homeless shelter.

More information about the CDC announcement can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz addressed the issue last night and clarified that schools will keep a mask mandate through the end of the school year.

MSBA is closely monitoring the situation and will share information on potential changes affecting Minnesota school districts as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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