



# Rochelle Park School District

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Dear School Community,

As a follow up to the Community Update Letter of February 18, 2022, this serves as a friendly reminder that the Rochelle Park School District will be mask optional as of Monday, March 7, 2022 for students, staff, and visitors.

The New Jersey Department of Health guidelines for school districts was updated and is currently available at [Department of Health | Communicable Disease Service | COVID-19: Information for Schools\\*](#)

In consideration of the NJDOH guidance for schools, please note the following practices will be implemented. Practices may change as needed in response to the changing health and safety needs pertaining to COVID-19.

**Starting March 7, 2022:**

- ❖ Rochelle Park School District will be mask optional for all students, staff, and visitors.
- ❖ Anyone on a school bus must adhere to the practices required at the time of transportation.
- ❖ Any venue visited by members of the school community for a school sanctioned event (such as class trips, sporting events, etc.) must comply with the mask requirements of that venue.
- ❖ Quarantine practices currently in place for COVID-19 positive cases and primary contacts will remain in effect. For updates please contact the School Nurse, Mrs. Meyers, at [smeyers@rochellepark.org](mailto:smeyers@rochellepark.org). Mrs. Meyer's webpage will also provide updates on the most current requirements for quarantine.

Please speak with and prepare your child(ren) for the mask wearing practice of your choice. Parents/Guardians who want their child(ren) to continue to wear a mask will need to communicate their expectations to them. School personnel will not be responsible for regulating mask wearing.

As noted in prior communications, **continued monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms, keeping children home when not well, getting tested, and following quarantine guidelines**

**all remain imperative practices.** The school will continue to enforce these practices and we ask that parents/guardians remain compliant. Completion of the COVID-19 screening every Monday through Realtime is mandatory and will remain in effect until further notice. Any individual with COVID-19 symptoms at school will be sent home and required to follow school procedures, including quarantining if necessary.

*Good hygiene and sanitary practices remain key for maintaining a healthy environment. Please continue to talk with your child(ren) about maintaining healthy practices such as hand washing, using sanitizer, covering one's cough and sneeze, keeping a healthy distance, not sharing beverage bottles, and the many other practices that are consistent with maintaining good health. Furthermore, conversations about respecting another person's choice are equally important. Anyone who may ridicule or harass another person for their choice will not be tolerated and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.*

Your continued support and cooperation are greatly appreciated. Best wishes for a most enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Sue DeNobile*, Superintendent

\*[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_schools.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_schools.shtml)