



# Russell Independent Schools

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Russell Family,

On Monday, February 21, 2022, the District will move to “Mask Optional” status. Students and Staff who choose to wear a mask are welcome to do so, but we will no longer require that masks be worn inside our buildings. Our staff will begin discussing this change with students today. We will not tolerate any student or staff member being made to feel uncomfortable for continued masking.

If your child is positive for Covid-19 please contact our District Health Coordinator, Jenny Bates. Ms. Bates will discuss with you protocols for returning to school. In general, if your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher he/she must stay at home and can return to school when he/she is fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

Please keep in mind that if there is a surge in Covid-19 cases, there may be a time that we need to revisit our mask guidance.

Sincerely,

M. Sean Horne  
Superintendent, Russell Independent Schools