



Masking FAQ

3.14.22 change in masking from required to strongly recommended

MetroED continues mitigation strategies of monitoring symptoms, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, handwashing, staying home when sick/testing, vaccination, and ventilation, and the campus remains closed to unnecessary visitors.

1. Will MetroED follow the [state's decision to change masking from required to strongly recommended](#)*?

Yes, the District expects all choices regarding the "***strongly recommended***" masking guidance to be respected. The State has described this guidance as "individual-focused" instead of "agency-focused." This means that we will allow for and respect individual choices regarding masking. As masks are an effective means of self-protection, our campus has a stock of free masks for anyone who needs one.

2. How will we ensure that people's choices to mask or not mask are respected?

Students and staff are encouraged to use the [StopIT](#) app to report bullying, cyber abuse, share safety issues and concerns, and other inappropriate behaviors. In addition, the messenger can be used to engage in anonymous two-way communication with school and district contacts.

3. Will masking be required on school buses?

The rules for buses are the same for schools and classrooms. Masks will be **strongly recommended** on all school buses. When practicable and safe, CDPH recommends optimizing air quality on school buses by opening windows to create more ventilation.

4. Will the [District COVID testing program for employees](#) continue?

Yes, we will continue to provide testing for staff as it is an important part of overall protection and is still required by the State for unvaccinated staff. All staff is **highly encouraged** to regularly test.

5. Continue daily monitoring of [symptoms](#), staff use the [Daily Health Screening App](#), everyone stays home when sick and gets tested.

Contact the District COVID Liaison at covidliaison@metroed.net with any questions.

6. Will quarantining change?

Our [quarantine protocol](#) will remain the same until we hear otherwise from Public Health.

7. Will social distancing requirements inside for eating purposes change?

The District continues to encourage maximizing physical distance as much as possible when eating (especially indoors). Arrange for eating outdoors, as feasible.

*State requirements and recommendations are subject to change, and local health agencies and/or educational authorities may have additional requirements beyond state and federal requirements. Visit [CA Safe Schools For All Parent Page for more information.](#)