



IMPORTANT MESSAGE from Superintendent, Kimberly McGrath Monday, November 1, 2021

Dear RUSD Community,

Happy Monday! You may have heard that Marin is changing the indoor mask guidelines from a mandate to a recommendation. However, this does not impact schools. Schools will continue to require indoor face coverings. Here is the full article if you're interested:

Indoor Face Covering Mandate to Lift in Public Places

Marin has reached an important milestone: Effective at noon Monday November 1, [Marin County Public Health](#) will lift a local mask mandate, which required everyone to wear face coverings in indoor public places.

This mandate has been in effect since August 2 and was part of part of a Bay Area-wide public health response to combat the surge of COVID-19 cases due to the Delta variant.

Bay Area counties established [common criteria for lifting county-level mask mandates](#), and three benchmarks were created that recognizing counties would need to achieve in order to remove restrictions.

Marin County met all three of the criteria today, October 29:

1. Marin's overall vaccination rate is above 80%.
2. Hospitalizations have declined and remained low.
3. Marin has maintained 21 consecutive days of moderate ("yellow") level data on the [CDC's Community Transmission Tracker](#).

Marin County Public Health Officer Dr. Matt Willis said he will continue to strongly urge residents to keep wearing masks indoors.

"Face covering has been and will remain a critical tool for preventing spread of the virus," Willis said. "The mandate helped get us through the fourth wave, but as the local picture improves, we're shifting from a legal mandate to local recommendation. This is part of the process of tiptoeing back toward

normalcy.”

Marin’s change does not impact [face covering requirements issued by the State of California](#) including for unvaccinated individuals, school settings, businesses, or organizations requiring face coverings by policy. In addition, some businesses may choose to continue requiring face coverings indoors for everyone, including those who are vaccinated. For example, Marin County Board of Supervisors will require face coverings for all in-person participants, regardless of vaccination status, beginning at its first hybrid [board meeting Tuesday](#), November 2. Residents are asked to continue respecting those requirements by carrying and being prepared to wear face covering while in public.

Best regards,

Kimberly McGrath
Superintendent
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