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June 10, 2022

Dear Families:

Yesterday, Mayor Adams announced that, starting Monday, June 13, face coverings will be **optional** for students in early childhood schools or programs.

To maintain the safety of our staff and students, we will continue to practice strict COVID-19 protocols, including increased ventilation, a daily health screening, and test kit distribution. Mask-wearing will become optional indoors, outside, and on school buses.

Anyone who chooses to wear a mask may continue to do so, and your child may request a mask from their school or program if they need one. Masks are strongly recommended for any staff member or student who knows they have been exposed to COVID-19 within the previous 10 days. Mask wearing is still required in medical rooms and nurses' offices. Nurses will have masks on hand for anyone entering who may need one.

Sincerely,

The New York City Department of Education