

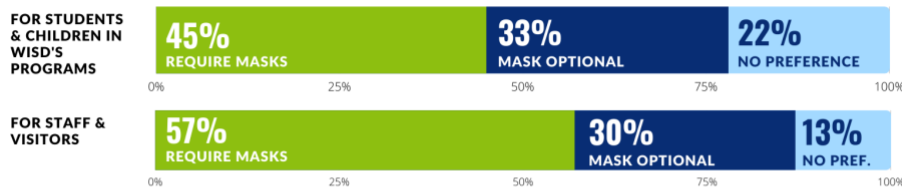
March 8, 2022

Dear WISD families and staff,

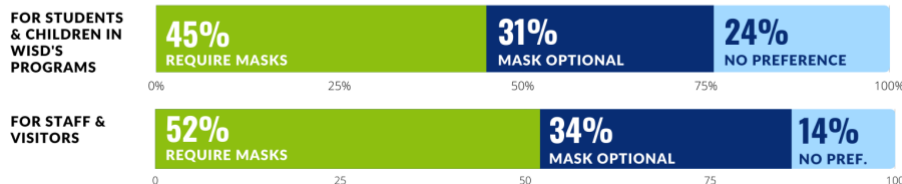
Earlier this evening, the WISD Board of Education approved an updated COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan that takes new public health recommendations and family and staff feedback into consideration.

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey on masking in our early childhood programs, student programs, and offices. We understand WISD serves more young children and students who are vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19 than a typical school district, and we heard that in your feedback.

## WISD Families Said...



## WISD Staff Said...



For now, universal masking will continue to be required for WISD's early childhood programs and most student programs (if able) when students and young children are present indoors, such as during home visits and during the school day.

[A full district overview of our updated protocols is available here](#) (and also at the end of this letter). For more detailed information for WISD's programs and sites, please see below:

- [WISD Early Childhood Programs](#) (Early On/Early Intervention, Early Head Start, Head Start)
- [WISD Student Programs](#) (High Point, Progress Park, Red Oak, and Young Adult Programs)
- [WISD Local-Based Classrooms](#) (Eberwhite, Milan MS, Dexter HS, Manchester EI)
- [WISD Staff Assigned to Local Districts](#) (Such as LEA Tech staff and Teacher Consultants)
- [Teaching & Learning Center \(TLC\) Administrative Offices](#)

As of today, Washtenaw County is a "Medium" community level, and the district will follow all "medium" protocols beginning tomorrow on March 8, 2022. If and when our community level changes, you will be notified by a district-wide email.



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We know there are strong feelings about masks and health and safety protocols. We recognize that approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  of families and staff would like masks to be optional, and we are focused on balancing this feedback with the health and safety of our district's most vulnerable. As conditions change, we may make additional updates to our protocols. This may happen if cases and hospitalizations continue to stay low and when vaccines are available for children under age 5.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us using [Let's Talk](#) or by contacting your program supervisor.

As always, thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued partnership. We are very grateful for our WISD community.

Sincerely,

Naomi Norman  
Superintendent