



YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

February 11, 2022

Dear YCS Staff and Community,

Earlier today, the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD) announced that on February 28, 2022, they will rescind their public health orders impacting schools. As part of these changes, masks will no longer be **required** for Washtenaw County schools **after February 28, 2022**. In addition, individual school districts will have the option to require or recommend masks.

I am writing to inform you that we have collectively decided to maintain all existing Washtenaw County Health Department Health and Safety Protocols, including universal masking for all Ypsilanti Community Schools. This includes all school buildings, programs, and offices until further notice. Masks are also required on the buses, per federal requirements for transportation.

Over the coming weeks, our district administration will be reviewing the health department guidance as it becomes available. Additionally, we will consult our Board approved [Back to School COVID protocols](#) to ensure that our protocols and practices align with the Washtenaw County Health Department Guidelines to meet new requirements. Finally, we understand the health department continues to make changes in masking, quarantine, and isolation practices based on local factors such as the significant decline in cases and the high vaccination rates in Washtenaw County communities.

We appreciate your partnership and ongoing support.

Building resilience one day at a time, Stronger Together,

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross
Superintendent