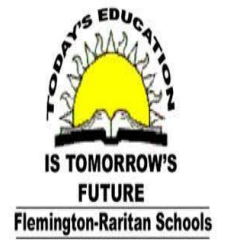


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Dear Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Parents, Faculty, Staff, and Community Members,

Today, Governor Murphy shared information that the universal statewide mask mandate for schools and childcare settings will be lifted effective March 7, 2022. Governor Murphy further indicated that he would be releasing information from the Department of Health to assist schools to determine the public health concerns in which masking might be an appropriate mitigation step.

[Executive Order No. 280](#) declares a Public Health Emergency and restates the existing State of Emergency across all 21 counties in New Jersey. [Executive Order No. 281](#) continues Executive Orders Nos. 111, 112, and 207, allows Executive Orders Nos. 251, 252, 253, 264, and 271 to remain in effect, and extends various regulatory actions taken by the departments in response to COVID-19.

Reports shared that Governor Murphy will reinstate the Public Health Emergency which ends on February 10, 2022. The Public Health Emergency allows the state to continue vaccine distribution, vaccination, or testing requirements in certain settings, the collection of COVID-19 data, implementation of any applicable recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to prevent or limit the transmission of COVID-19, staffing, and resource allocation, and other critical components of the State's COVID-19 response.

The expected reinstatement of the Public Health Emergency will allow for existing orders requiring **masking in schools and daycare settings to remain in effect until the mask mandate is lifted on March 7, 2022.** [The Governor shared](#) that this is a "huge step back to normalcy for our kids."

Our District's current plan requires masking indoors when our area is in the "yellow," "orange," or "red" in [New Jersey's COVID-19 activity report](#) and that masking is not required when we are in the "green," unless mandated by the Governor's Office. We are analyzing current local trends and consulting with others to determine steps to move to a mask-optional protocol as soon as the mask mandate is lifted.

Sincerely,

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