

1.26.2022 Covid-19 Update - Masks



Greetings BSD7 Staff and Families,

While the District continues to manage the surge of Omicron-related COVID-19 staff and student absences, I am pleased to see transmission rates declining this week. I will provide more detailed information on transmission rates in the weekly Friday communication.

As a reminder, current mask requirements are primarily tied to keeping our buildings open (adult capacity), consistent with the COVID-19 Advisory Task Force [recommendations](#). Due to the implications of [HB501](#), the District has very little authority to require masks at our after school activities and events. The current reality at those activities/events is very few audience members are wearing a mask. It is also important to note that attendance for student or community audience members at after school events/activities is a choice. The District sees a distinction between those optional attendance settings and the instructional day that is required for all students. Administration has naturally shifted their efforts over time to focus on mask enforcement and compliance during the school day.

With that said, I am making adjustments to mask requirements for K-12 after school athletics and activities, consistent with the authorization granted to the superintendent in Board Policy #1905. Beginning at 4:00 pm today, January 26, the following mask requirements are in effect:

Elementary Schools = Required

Middle Schools = Required

High Schools = Required

Support Services = Required

K-12 After School Athletics and Activities = Masks Recommended

Busses = Required

Thank you for your continued support of Bozeman Public Schools.

Casey Bertram, Superintendent

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