



Erie 1 BOCES Instructional Services
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Re: Updated Outdoor Mask Guidance

The NYS Department of Health has recently updated its guidance regarding the wearing of masks when outdoors. The [guidance](#), updated June 7, 2021, allows schools to choose whether or not masks are required to be worn outdoors on school grounds.

In light of the updated guidance and in consideration of the extremely low transmission rates of COVID-19 across Erie County, Erie 1 BOCES has chosen to lift mask requirements when outdoors.

Effective, Thursday, June 10, 2021, Erie 1 BOCES will no longer require staff and students to wear face masks when outdoors on school grounds. This includes during outdoor recess and during outdoor Physical Education. Students and staff who feel more comfortable may choose to continue wearing a mask outdoors and should feel supported in doing so.

Face masks continue to be required at all times while inside the school, with the exception of during meal times and mask breaks. Additionally, Erie 1 BOCES will continue to follow all mandates for social distance practices and the daily health screening of all staff, students and visitors.

This information has been added to [Erie 1 BOCES Reopening Plan](#) and can be found on our website along with additional COVID-related information and resources at www.e1b.org/covid. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to anyone of us. A listing of school contact information can be found [here](#).

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