



Update to masking policy for Sharon Public Schools & Community Education

Greetings, we hope this message finds you well. We are writing to inform you that on March 2, 2022, the School Committee for Sharon Public Schools met and voted to end the mask mandate for students, staff, and visitors inside Sharon Public Schools to end on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Community Education is a branch of Sharon Public Schools and follow the health and safety protocols and procedures implemented by Sharon Public Schools.

What does this mean for Community Education programs held within Sharon Public Schools?

This means that children attending Before Care, After Care, Enrichment, and adults attending evening programs will have the ability to choose whether or not to wear a mask while inside the buildings or riding buses/vans after Friday, March 4th at 6:00 PM. Any programs held at venues outside of Sharon Public Schools have the ability to set their own health and safety policies which should be followed by all participants who attend.

The decision to wear or not wear a mask is personal to each individual and we trust that everyone will make the decision that is best for them and their families while also respecting the rights of other participants to do the same. We encourage parents/guardians to speak with their children regarding this choice and remind them that when they return to school on Monday, March 7th, there may be friends, teachers, and staff choosing to wear or not wear a mask and that's ok.

We would like to thank the community for their patience and cooperation during these past few difficult years. In 2020 when the schools closed and we were operating programs virtually, our After Care staff adopted the motto, "We are stronger together." This sentiment has and will continue to carry us through anything that comes our way.

Be well and stay safe!

The Community Education Team.