

February 24, 2022

Greetings Ashland Elementary Families and Staff,

Re: Starting tomorrow, Friday, February 25, 2022 – Optional Mask Use

Masks are still required on school transportation as this is a federal mandate through March 18

Masks are still required for individuals returning on Day 6 from isolation due to COVID-19 and required through the completion of Day 10

On Wednesday afternoon, school districts were informed that the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services is no longer recommending universal masking in a school setting. Additionally, it was indicated that based on this new information from NH DHHS continuation of universal masking may violate education rules. Therefore, starting tomorrow February 25, 2022 the Ashland School District will move to optional mask use for individuals. Two exceptions apply:

- Masks are still required on School Transportation as this is a Federal mandate through March 18.
- Mask use will still be required for individuals returning on Day 6 from isolation due to COVID-19 and required through the completion of Day 10.

I understand this is a quick transition for some families. If you have a concern specific to your child's needs, please contact your child's Principal. As you prepare for the upcoming break, I wish your family well – rest, relax, rejuvenate, and read!

Respectfully,

Mary Moriarty, Superintendent