

ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Arlington Community,

Updated Mask Requirements

[In today's press conference](#), Governor Cuomo announced the following requirements for masks in K to 12 schools:

- **Outdoors:** NYS Schools will no longer be mandated to require that students wear masks outdoors. With strong urging from Dutchess County, we will no longer require students and staff to wear masks outdoors.
- **Indoors:** The mask requirements remain in effect when indoors for students and staff in K-12 schools. Therefore, in compliance with NYS requirements, **students and staff are required to continue wearing face masks inside Arlington schools and school buses.**

As the end of the year approaches, our community is looking forward to end of the year events, such as concerts, moving up ceremonies, and graduation. Families should follow the guidance that you receive from your schools pertaining to these events. If there are any changes, principals will communicate with you.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate the changing guidance we receive.

Heat Index

The Arlington Central School District will closely monitor the weather for the remainder of the school year. According to the National Weather Service, a heat index (the combination of temperature and humidity) of 103 degrees is considered dangerous. The likelihood of heat disorders due to prolonged exposure and strenuous activity increases.

The Arlington Central School District will err on the side of caution and will implement the following plan if the heat index is expected reach 95 degrees or higher:

- The middle and high schools will be remote only and will follow their regular bell schedule.
- In-person elementary school students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. Students will not have lunch during the school day.
- Elementary students in the Remote Only Program will follow their regular schedule.

If a decision is made to follow the plan outlined above due to the heat index, the decision will be made by 6:00 PM the evening prior so that families and staff can plan for the following day.

We will continue to support additional safety measures by providing more frequent mask and water breaks. Barriers have been removed in non-air conditioned elementary school classrooms.

Sincerely,
Dr. Dave Moyer