

June 8, 2021

Dear BG Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to take this time to update you on changes to the mask wearing requirements for Covid. As of last night, the following guidance was issued from the NYSDOH:

**Effective June 7, 2021, face masks are not required to be worn outdoors on school grounds, including during outdoor school sports. However, Responsible Parties may choose to require face masks outdoors on school grounds, subject to the parameters of this guidance. No student, teacher, staff member, or visitor may be prevented from wearing an acceptable face mask voluntarily on school grounds.**

For outdoor activities on school grounds, recess, PE classes, athletics etc., mask wearing is not required. However, mask wearing is allowed if the individual chooses to do so. Also, indoor mask wearing is still required. Nothing has changed with that guidance.

Please remember, as we get closer to “end of the year activities” including graduation, a decrease in mask wearing could mean an increase in the number of individuals quarantined from a positive Covid case.

Stay safe, and please let me know of any questions.

Sincerely,

Timothy R. Ryan  
Superintendent of Schools