

School Board Presentation- Masking Update and
Recommendation
March 8, 2022

Updated Timeline

- June 30, 2021- Ready Schools, Safe Learners document updated and replaced with the Resiliency Framework to guide the 2021-2022 school year
- July 29, 2021- Governor Brown directs OHA and ODE to create a rule requiring masks indoors for K-12 schools
- August 13, 2021- Oregon indoor mask mandate begins
- September 2021 thru January 2022- various updates from OHA and ODE
- February 7, 2022- OHA announces changes to mask rules, with school changes occurring on March 31, 2022 ~~March 11, 2022~~

Recap From Our February 16, 2022 Board Meeting

- Concerns about contact tracing and quarantine requirements if universal masking is no longer in place
- Continue monitoring the data for declining case counts
- Continue the engagement process with families, staff, students, and our local health authority
- Evaluate the new Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework for the 2021-2022 School Year (Updated on March 2, 2022)

Feedback we heard:

- Our school leaders and local public health officials expressed a strong need to keep alignment between dates for lifting the statewide face covering expectations in the K-12 settings with the lifting of the general indoor public spaces masking requirement.
- School and district leaders told us they can thoughtfully prepare and plan for this transition earlier than March 31.

New Information From The Resiliency Framework

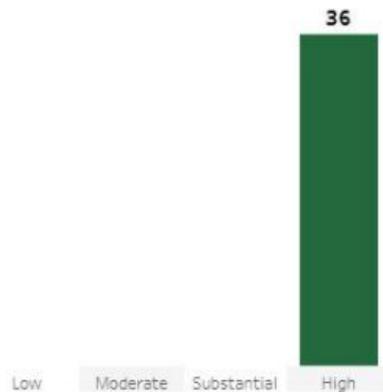
- Quarantining and contact tracing has been paused and is no longer a requirement
- Face coverings in K-12 schools and on district buses has now been aligned
- Testing kits are now offered both on-site and in take-home kits, to be used with our students and staff who are symptomatic or who are high-risk
- The isolation period for individuals who test positive continues to be 5 days. They must be fever-free for 24 hours with reduced symptoms to return

Community Transmission by County



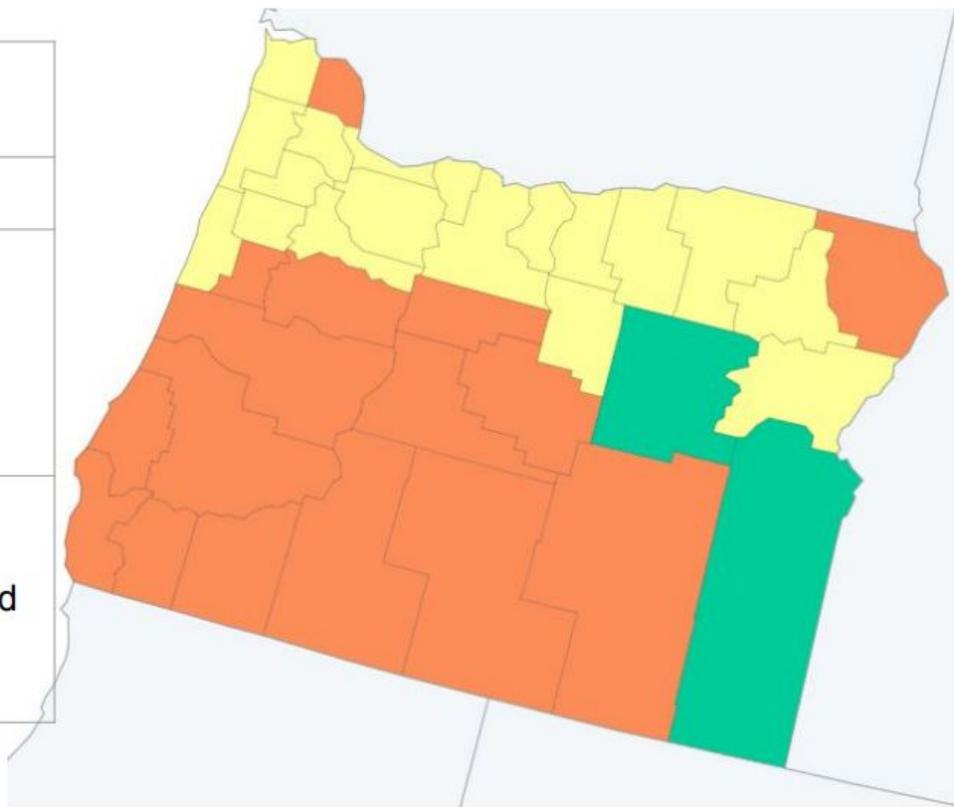
Counties by Level of Community Transmission

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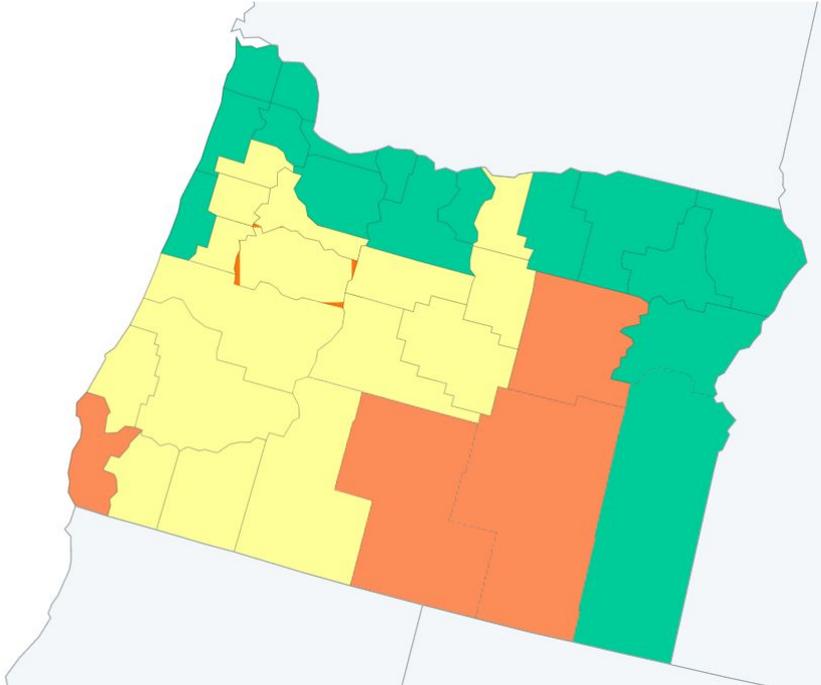
CDC COVID-19 Community Levels

Community Level	Mask Recommendation
Low	No recommendation
Medium	If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask
High	Wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status (including in K-12 schools and other indoor community settings)



Where Is Clatsop County Now?

Data provided by CDC
Updated: March 3, 2022



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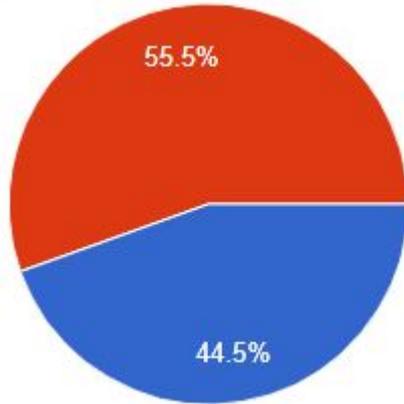
Advisory for Schools

- Clear communication to all stakeholder groups
- Prioritize care, connection and community to support the mental, emotional and social health and well-being of students and families
- Reteach expectations to keep our students safe
- If students or staff are showing symptoms they must stay home
- Schools may offer testing through OHA Diagnostic Testing Program

Breaking Down The Results Feb 7-14

I would prefer:

366 responses



- that masks be required beyond March 31, 2022.
- that masks are no longer required after March 31, 2022.

Percentages By Group:

Staff Members:

79 51% YES masks beyond March 31st

77 49% NO masks beyond March 31st

Family Member:

29 35% YES masks beyond March 31st

54 65% NO masks beyond March 31st

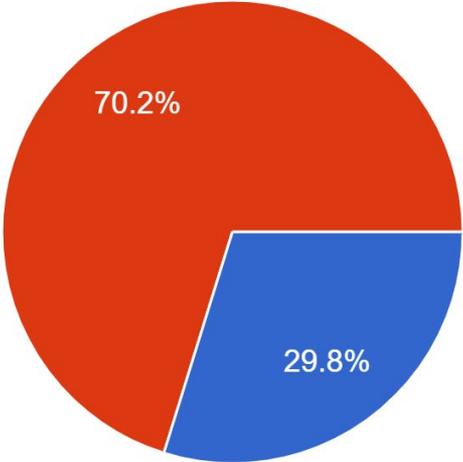
Students:

49 45% YES masks beyond March 31st

61 55% NO masks beyond March 31st

I would prefer:

255 responses



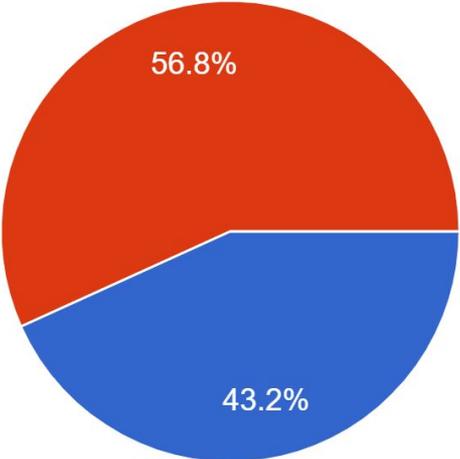
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140 High School Students
105 Middle School Students
10 Elementary

Students 3.2.22

I would prefer:

37 responses

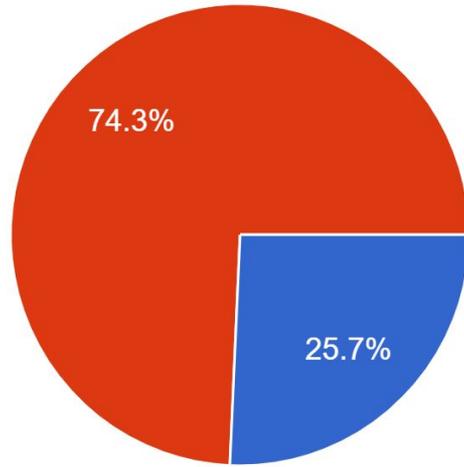


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Staff 3.2.22

I would prefer:

428 responses



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- that masks are no longer required after March 11, 2022.

Families 3.2.22

Summary and Superintendent Recommendation

- The Oregon Indoor Mask Mandate has lifted beginning March 11, 2022, at 11:59pm
- Clatsop County Community Levels has dropped to the low (green) level
- Positive cases in our district have reduced dramatically in the last several weeks
- Updates to the March 2, 2022 RSSL Resiliency Framework are advisory, beginning March 11, 2022, at 11:59pm
- Thorough engagement with our school community
- Superintendent recommendation that Seaside School District become mask optional beginning Monday, March 14, 2022

Supporting This Transition

- Respecting each other through this transition- inclusion not division
- Sharing information with staff, families, and students after this meeting
- Building staff meetings tomorrow to share information
- Resources for staff and families to use with their students
 - Lesson plans
 - Visual reminders
 - Video Clip