

## CDC No Longer Requiring Masks on School Buses or Vans Effective March 1, 2022

On Friday, February 25, 2022, the CDC updated its masking guidance for public and private school systems. The CDC no longer recommends universal indoor mask wearing in K-12 and early education settings in areas with a <u>low or medium</u> COVID-19 community transmission. In areas with <u>high</u> community levels, the CDC continues to recommend wearing a mask indoors, including in K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. Linn County is listed as "medium".

In conjunction with this general recommendation, the CDC is no longer requiring the wearing of masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child programs.

In response to this latest guidance, the following COVID mitigation measures will change at College Community effective Tuesday, March 1:

- 1) Masks will no longer be required or distributed on school transportation/buses.
- 2) We will transition to following the CDC guidance for isolation periods moving from 10 days to 5 days. Students returning after 5 days must be fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and must have improved symptoms. Students returning after 5 days will be required to wear a mask through day 10 while at school per CDC isolation guidance.

Order: Wearing of face masks while on conveyances and at transportation hubs | Quarantine | CDC.