



# WHITNEY POINT

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**June 4, 2021**

**Dear Whitney Point Families,**

**Please see the link below to read the letter from the NYS Health Department to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about new mask-wearing guidance.**

**NYS Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker [Issues Letter](#) to CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky on New York's School Mask Policy**

[https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-06/Letter from NYSDOH.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-06/Letter_from_NYSDOH.pdf)

**The letter includes:**

As many camps take place on school grounds, both serve school-age children, and the end of the school year/start of the camp season both occur in June, New York State plans to align our school and camp mask guidance as follows.

In both settings, as a minimum, state-wide guidance:

- Indoors, mask use will be strongly encouraged but not required for students, campers, and staff/teachers/counselors who are not fully vaccinated.
- Outdoors, masks are not required; students, campers, and staff/teachers/counselors who are not fully vaccinated are "encouraged" to wear a mask in certain higher-risk circumstances.
- Both indoors and outdoors, students, campers, and staff who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks.
- Schools and camps may choose to implement stricter standards.

**In the conclusion of his letter to CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, NYS Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker added:** If there is any data or science that you are aware of that contradicts moving forward with this approach, please let me know as soon as possible. We plan to make this guidance effective on Monday, June 7.

***I will keep you updated with any additional information I receive.***

**Sincerely,**  
**Dr. Patricia A. Follette**  
**Superintendent**

***District Vision***

***To be a community of excellence achieved through a commitment to high performance, morale and involvement.***