

March 16, 2022

Dear Great Oaks Community,

Earlier this month, Governor Lamont removed the State mandated mask requirement for school districts, allowing districts to make their own decisions moving forward. After conversations with the Department of Health as well as the Great Oaks Board of Directors, we are moving forward with the lifting of our mask mandate as of Monday, March 21, 2022.

**What does this mean?**

- Students and staff will no longer be required to wear masks while in school, however, masks are still permitted and strongly encouraged for those not fully vaccinated
- If Great Oaks Charter School experiences an increase in school based COVID contraction or community contraction, we may require students and staff members to wear a mask
- Masks will still be made available for students or visitors who request one
- Scheduled meetings will still take place primarily online with more options to have in person meetings based on the comfort level of parents, students, and staff members

**COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION**

Bridgeport residents may call 203-576-7468 for assistance in locating or scheduling an appointment for a vaccine. Daily vaccination sites include:

- *Southwest Community Health Center – 1020 Fairfield Avenue (M-F 9-11:30am/1:00-3:30pm)*
  - o Walk-ins Accepted
  - o Schedule online at [SWCHC.org](http://SWCHC.org)
  - o Call 203-330-6000
- *Optimus Health Care – 982 East Main St (M-F 8:15-11:30am/1:00-4:00pm; T- 1:00-6:30pm)*
  - o Schedule online at [optimushealthcare.org](http://optimushealthcare.org)
  - o Call 203-333-3030
- *More information and locations are available at [bridgeportct.gov](http://bridgeportct.gov)*

We thank you for your support and continued efforts in helping reduce transmission in our school community.

Respectfully,  
John Scalice, Executive Director