

# Miller Place Union Free School District

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Saturday, August 28, 2021, 3:00pm

Re: NYSDOH Indoor Mask Mandate

Good afternoon Miller Place School District Community,

Last night Governor Hochul provided all New York State school districts with guidance from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) that mandates face covering/mask wearing for students, staff, and visitors inside school buildings. Effective immediately, and until further notice, face coverings/masks are required by all individuals when inside our schools regardless of vaccination status.

The district has confirmed with our legal counsel this mandate:

1. Has the full effect of law.
2. Is fully enforceable by NYSDOH.
3. Includes NYSDOH direction to local department of health agencies (Suffolk County Department of Health) to ensure full compliance.
4. Was adopted pursuant to department of health emergency regulations statewide.

In addition, regarding the Board of Education:

- No formal action is needed, as this is a statewide mandate.
- They must comply with the statewide mandate.
- The mandate will be included in the Open Schools Plan.
- They will not schedule an emergency meeting. The next public business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2021, Miller Place High School at 8:00pm.

Please note, face coverings/masks are not required outdoors for anyone - students, staff, and visitors.

We understand there will be parents and residents who may disagree with the Governor's decision. However, we ask for your continued partnership and cooperation as we begin the new school year next week.

Please remember to view the district calendar, posted on our website, which contains the details for expected traditional student and community events. [Home / Miller Place Union Free School District Calendar](#)

Thank you.

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano  
Superintendent of Schools