

Updated Mask Guidance

The CDC is refocusing efforts for monitoring COVID-19 in communities. Since late 2020, the CDC has used “Community Transmission” as the dial for prevention measures. Community transmission used two metrics: new cases and the percent of PCR tests that were positive. To focus on measuring disease severity and the burden on the healthcare system, the CDC will now be using “Community Levels,” which measure new hospitalizations of COVID-19, current hospital beds occupied by COVID-19 patients, and new COVID-19 cases. **In counties with low or medium community levels, it is no longer recommended that individuals (including students and staff) wear a mask in indoor settings.** To view the community level of your county, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>