



# Newcomb Central School District

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Subject: School mask requirements remain unchanged at this time

Dear Newcomb Families,

As has been reported by news outlets, on Friday afternoon, Dr. Howard Zucker, New York State Commissioner of Health issued a letter ([click here to read](#)) to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding differing mask policies for summer camps and schools. Media coverage of this letter has led to some confusion.

We have been informed today by the New York State Department of Education that the letter has not changed any existing arrangements. **“Therefore, schools should continue to operate under their existing procedures until further notice.”**

Mask policies include requirements for mask use on school buses, in classrooms, in school hallways and on playgrounds. Students are afforded mask breaks through the school day, which include during time of physical exertions.

Due to the weather forecast of increasing heat, Newcomb Central School District will make adjustments to mask use by implementing a 5 minute mask break for students during each period of the day. This adjustment is in accordance with applicable health and safety measures.

If additional guidance is released, we will contact you with full details.

Should you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 582-3341.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Christian Fisher  
Superintendent of Schools

