

Town of Bedford
Board of Health Mask Mandate Rescinded - Effective 2/28/22

The Bedford Board of Health held a Special Meeting on February 14, 2022, where it voted to **rescind** the indoor Mask Mandate **effective Monday, February 28, 2022 at 12:00AM**. The Board of Health also voted to have an advisory in place to promote COVID-19 mitigation strategies. This advisory will be finalized by the Board of Health at its February 28, 2022 meeting and will be available on the Health Department website: <https://www.bedfordma.gov/health-department/pages/covid-19-coronavirus>.

What Does the Removal of the Mask Mandate Mean for Residents?

- Masks will no longer be required in public places in the Town of Bedford starting February 28th
- Masks must continue to be worn inside public spaces until February 28th
- You may choose to continue to wear a mask in public spaces
- Businesses do have the option to make business specific requirements that are more strict than the Town or State.
 - o Example: A business may choose to require employees or the public to wear masks while in the facility.
- On February 15, 2022, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health updated its mask advisory for vaccinated and unvaccinated residents: “A fully vaccinated individual should wear a mask indoors if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk of severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition or if someone in your household has a weakened immune, is at increased risk for severe disease or is unvaccinated.”
- As a reminder, masks may still be required in certain locations per Massachusetts State Requirements, including but not limited to healthcare settings and public transportation: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-requirements>
- Please be mindful that each individual’s circumstances are unique, whether they choose to wear a mask or not. Empathy is good for everyone’s health.

If you have additional questions related to COVID-19 such as mask use, testing, or quarantine or isolation guidance, please contact the Bedford Health Department at 781-275-6507.