



COVID-19 MASK UPDATE

Yesterday, on February 7, 2022, Governor Murphy announced that the State's mask mandate for children and youth in schools and childcare centers will be **lifted on March 7, 2022**, presuming COVID transmission rates continue to trend down. **Please note, The Department of Children and Families (DCF) requires the mask policy to remain in effect until it is lifted.** DCF will align its childcare guidance with that which is issued by the New Jersey Department of Health. We are expected to receive the updated guidance on February 22, 2022. At this time, we have not received any information regarding quarantine procedures that will be in place with the removal of the mask mandate. As we receive information from the State and/or DCF, we will update our VECC Families accordingly.

Once again, we thank you for your support throughout this time. Our Village truly came together throughout the past two years and we are so grateful. We are eager to see everyone's smiling faces once again!