



Mask Mandate in Schools Will Continue Once Statewide Mask Mandate Ends

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Governor Eric Holcomb shared the face-covering mandate would shift to a face-covering advisory on April 6. This does not mean Hoosiers can go everywhere without a mask. Schools, state buildings and facilities, COVID-19 vaccination sites, and COVID-19 testing sites will still require Hoosiers to wear masks.

Furthermore, decisions about how many people can gather will be left up to local officials. Holcomb stated, "When I visit my favorite restaurant or conduct a public event, I will continue to wear a mask. It is the right thing to do. Hoosiers who take these recommended precautions will help us get to what I hope is the tail end of this pandemic." Although the mandate will be lifted, Hoosiers are still encouraged to put their face-covering on while in public.

Additionally, On March 31, Hoosiers who are 16 and older may register to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. It is important to note that people younger than 18 must choose a Pfizer vaccination site.

These are all signs that the coronavirus pandemic is coming to an end. The health department will continue to monitor COVID-19 positivity data to determine if any adjustments will be needed for current plans.