



YPI CHARTER SCHOOLS

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TO: YPI Charter Schools
Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: **Recommendation to approve *Update Covid-19 Masking Procedures***

BACKGROUND

The last Covid-19 Masking safety protocols were reviewed and ratified by the board in the Spring of 2022. LAUSD still will not allow individuals on their campuses who are not fully vaccinated. Our collocated schools must adhere to the LAUSD policy for now. The district does allow masks optional indoors, but they have the first line of defense, all employees are vaccinated.

YPICS has a few employees on our independent site who are not vaccinated. If we moved, to no masks this could put some of our employees at risk.

The State department of health and the LA County Department of Public Health both agree that schools can go without a mask because of the number of vaccinated individuals in the State. And both agencies continue to highly recommend that individuals wear masks indoors.

As of 3/24/23, LAUSD has not changed its vaccination policy for employees

ANALYSIS

Other Schools and districts have adopted a gradual move toward optional masking indoors. YPICS has two collocated schools on LAUSD campuses, and we must adhere to their vaccination procedures.

We do not want to have two different policies on our campuses.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees transition to an indoor/outdoor mask-optional policy using the following steps and guidelines:

1. Retain indoor masking for now.
2. Change to outdoor mask optional.
3. Conduct a survey of all three schools and include all stakeholders by May. Create a rollout plan to respond to the data (CA State Department of Health, LA County DPH, YPICS Survey, LAUSD Policy Changes) along with the updated information to update the Masking policy to potentially begin during the Summer School Program.