



March 22, 2022

Dear New Horizons Charter Academy Families,

Nearly two years ago, the pandemic triggered school closures and an upheaval of our professional and personal lives. NHCA has been a leader in dealing with the multiple challenges of the COVID pandemic. Our priority and focus continues to be ensuring students' academic progress and supporting their emotional growth and well-being, all while being committed to the health and safety of our school community. We could not have done this without the amazing support, patience, and understanding of our staff, students, and families. Thank you.

Last week, the Governor and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health announced that indoor masking mandates for all K-12 schools and child care facilities will end as of March 24, 2022, regardless of vaccination status. Over the course of the pandemic, NHCA has followed State and County Health Orders and guidelines so that in-person instruction took place in the safest environment possible. With this change in masking policy, **indoor masking is optional starting Thursday, March 24, thus students will no longer be required to wear masks while on campus.**

We recognize that the State lifting the mask requirement may cause concern for some of you, especially those who are at higher risk for COVID-19 or live with someone who is at higher risk. **Please note that mask wearing is still strongly recommended by the State and is an option for every student or staff member who wishes to wear one at any time, and masks will still be provided by the New Horizons Charter Academy.**

On behalf of our entire Board of Education, we thank you for your continued support of our Charter School and the students we serve.

Sincerely,

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