

February 24, 2022



Dear Frankfort Park District Families,

We appreciate your patience during the ever-changing mask mandate requirements. At times, the Park District programming was lumped in Executive Orders with the school districts (P-12) and other times the orders are specified for K-12, leaving portions of our programming out of the Executive Orders. Through this process, the Park District has worked to be in compliance with the Executive Orders, CDC and IDPH guidelines.

Executive Order 2021-22 is currently in effect which includes mandated masking when in public indoor spaces for anyone 2 and over. It appears the Governor will lift the Executive Order regarding masking in public indoor spaces effective February 28. Because the Park District buildings are considered “public indoor spaces,” masks will be required until the order is lifted.

If the Governor lifts the mask mandates for public indoor spaces, as he has stated he would, and there is no specific language that would mandate masks for preschools or early childhood programming, **beginning February 28**, masks will not be required for all Frankfort Park District programming. Masks will be “Recommended” for preschool and early childhood programs and are welcomed for all program participants but are **NOT** required for Park District programs including preschool.

As we transition in managing the spread of COVID-19 in our programs and community, we ask everyone to please honor and respect the choices people make about masking. Unsolicited comments and bullying regarding staff and participants choices will not be tolerated.

It is expected that the Executive Order will be released Friday, February 25 and will include the new mandates. As has been necessary with each new Order, the Park District will take the time to evaluate and modify as necessary to be compliant with the Order. If there are changes that needed to be communicated they will be done via an email to our participants and posted on the Park District’s website. If the changes to the Frankfort Park District’s Covid mitigation result in increased cases in programs, staff will evaluate and may institute masking requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Hassett".

Executive Director

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