

June 23, 2021

Dear UCS Parents and Guardians,

As you are aware, certain Michigan epidemic orders have been lifted, including the required use of face coverings in certain settings. As a result, face coverings will not be required at this time for students and staff in our programs and work environments and will be based on the choice of each family or individual.

It should be noted that while no longer required, the Macomb County Health Department recommends that individuals who are not fully vaccinated should consider wearing a face covering when indoors, especially in crowded settings.

Utica Community Schools respects each family's or individual's decision. Other district COVID-19 mitigation strategies will continue at this time, including self-screening and reporting, cleaning protocols and the frequent use of disinfectants and hand washing.

As we move through these summer months, our district will continue to work closely with the Macomb County Health Department and provide community updates as necessary.

For more information on the MCHD face covering recommendations, please see the Macomb County Health Department Return to School Toolkit at this [link](#).