



## Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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# NewsBits

### Mask Friendly Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has updated the COVID rating for Franklin County from the 'high' level category to 'medium'. In light of this change, all facilities operated by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) will become 'mask friendly' or mask optional effective immediately.

When we say 'mask friendly', we mean that we want staff, students, parents and others visiting our facilities to feel comfortable making the decision on wearing a mask depending upon their individual circumstances. If individuals have compromising health conditions or other reasons to wear masks, we encourage this and would hope others are respectful of individual decisions. We will have masks available at our facilities and we will encourage all to continue all safety protocols, including washing hands frequently, getting vaccinated, not coming to our facilities if one has symptoms, testing if symptoms, maintaining sanitization practices and maintaining other standard universal precautions.

If case counts and hospitalizations increase and we have updated guidance from our Health Officials, we will be responsive. Masks may again be required in the future. We thank everyone for your cooperation during this pandemic and are pleased that Franklin County has moved from the 'high' to the 'medium' level. Thank you.

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