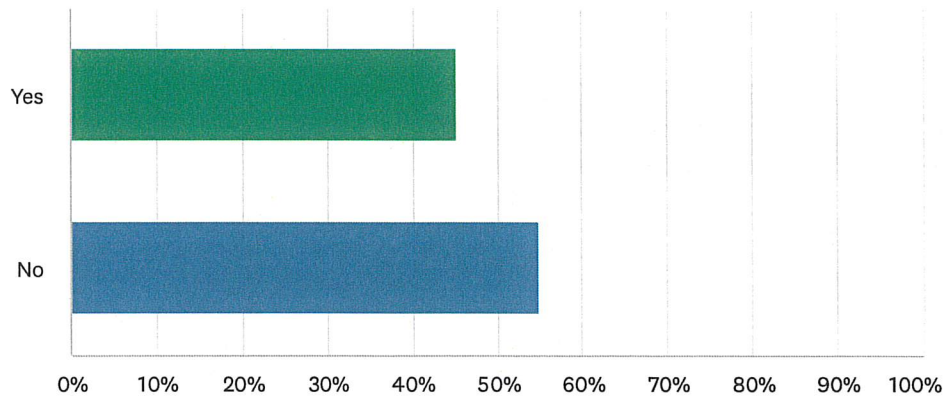


Q1 Do you support removing the mask mandate in FCPS at this time?

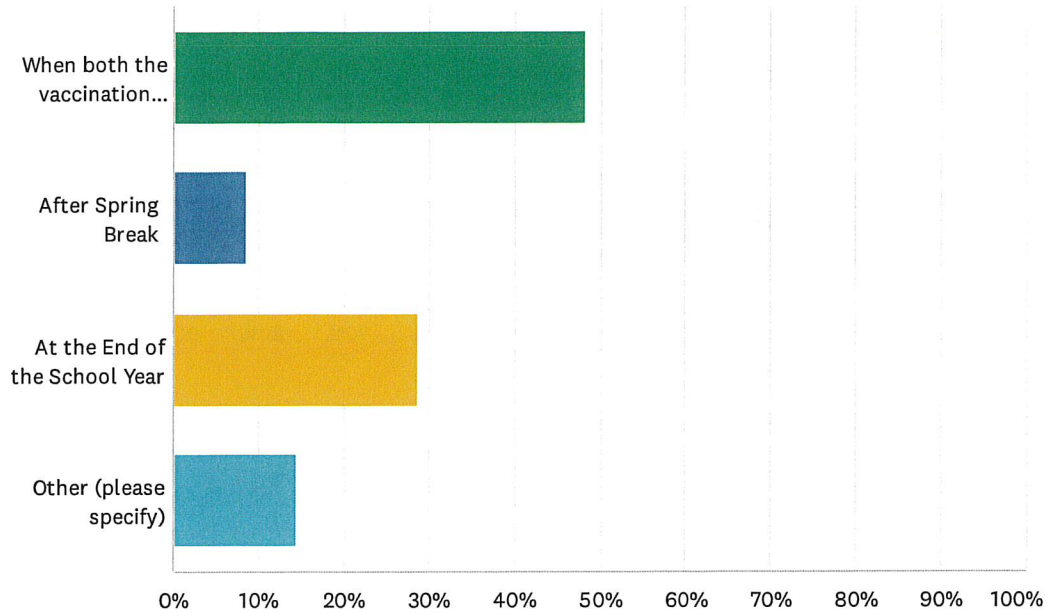
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.26%	711
No	54.74%	860
TOTAL		1,571

**Q2 ONLY IF you answered "NO" to Question 1 answer this question:
When do you believe the mask mandate should be lifted?**

Answered: 934 Skipped: 637



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
When both the vaccination rate and community transmission "Off Ramps" are met.	48.18%	450
After Spring Break	8.57%	80
At the End of the School Year	28.69%	268
Other (please specify)	14.56%	136
TOTAL		934

Representative sample from the optional comment section:

From those who responded "Yes":

I feel the metrics are where they need to be, it can be optional, we have had plenty opportunity to get vaccinated and most kids don't wear them correctly and it is a constant battle and ridiculous use of time and energy trying to enforce it.

There is no follow through on students not wearing masks, for one. Two, if the county is able to have no mask mandate outside the school, so should schools. People should have the choice if they want to wear masks, just as they do in public.

We need less negative interactions with our students. I need to see our students faces—it's time

It should be the choice of the teachers, students, and parents. IF you are not vaccinated or you are vaccinated it doesn't matter. Your body, you choose how to protect it.

I know there are still some risks, but there's no accountability for masks and students aren't really wearing them with fidelity. I don't think we are actually getting any real protection now based on how masks are being worn.

When the students leave school, their masks come off. They play in their neighborhoods, go to restaurants and shops, have sleepovers and birthday parties...and their masks are off. It is frustrating that I can't see the smiles of my students because the one place they must wear masks is at school. Why?

From those who responded "No":

With the combined impact of flu season and COVID, it is safer for all to continue mitigation.

Masks are the only mitigation strategy that we have and even though our positivity rate is trending in the right direction transmission rate is still high in Frederick County.

The reason we are approaching the "off ramp" qualifiers is BECAUSE (in part) of the mask mandate. To end the mandate this close to the end of the school year seems folly.

This job is hard enough at this moment with masks in place. We are experiencing many absences still due to Covid. Our pre-k students are not yet eligible to be vaccinated so we are putting them at risk of getting and spreading.

We work in elementary where not all students will have access to both doses of the vaccine until later spring. As most staff were vaccinated last spring and boosted this fall... the booster will be wearing off in March. You'll have a lot more staff out sick if you remove mandate.

Many staff and students in the district have vulnerable family members at home who cannot afford to catch COVID. Removing the mask mandate puts these staff and students in an uncomfortable position of having to decide between having a livelihood and the health of their loved ones. COVID has not disappeared, and masks should not be made optional until levels have stayed low much more consistently than they have this school year.

