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To College of the Rockies Employees and Students,

B.C. health officials announced today that the province will remove its order requiring masks in all indoor public spaces as of 12:01 a.m. Friday, March 11, 2022.

What does that mean for us? As the College follows the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer, beginning this Friday, March 11, masks will no longer be required indoors and wearing of masks will be optional for students and employees, with the exception of health care settings.

As case counts and conditions continue to improve, further restrictions will be lifted. Notably, as of April 8 at 12:01 am, the B.C. Vaccine Card will no longer be required for student housing and discretionary activities such as events and gym access.

Please note that wearing masks is still a personal choice for all on our campuses. We respect those who may have personal circumstances and preferences on wearing masks, and ask you to continue being respectful of personal space when meeting and interacting with others.

This change does not mean that COVID is behind us. This change is due to B.C.'s lowered COVID hospitalization and transmission rates. Please remember to manage your health by practicing good hand hygiene practices, monitoring your symptoms and staying home when sick.

For information about our Communicable Disease plan, please visit:

[COTR-Communicable-Disease-Plan.pdf](#)

<https://cotr.bc.ca/communicable-disease-prevention/>

Thank you,
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