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## St. James Parish Lifts Mask Mandate in Accordance with State Guidelines

Convent, La - St. James Parish President Pete Dufresne announced Wednesday, St. James Parish will follow guidance set forth by Governor John Bel Edwards and lift the mask mandate in St. James Parish.

In accordance with Governor Edwards' most recent executive order, masks will still be required in K-12 schools, colleges, health care facilities and public transit. Residents using the St. James Parish Transit services are asked to wear a mask and maintain social distancing due to the confined spaces of our transit vehicles and buses.

Masks will not be required at any Parish Government buildings. However, residents are encouraged to remain vigilant, "We ask residents to be responsible and accountable for your actions regarding the health and safety of those around you. If you are not vaccinated, I encourage you to seek out one of the many facilities in the parish offering vaccinations. If you feel sick or were exposed to someone with Covid-19 you are encouraged to self-quarantine and reduce exposure to others", said President Dufresne.

Local businesses have the authority to determine if they will require masks at their place of business.

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**PARISH PRESIDENT PETE DUFRESNE**

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