



Lacy Thompson's '25 insecurities play a part in her decision to wear a mask.

I don't want to get [COVID] and even if you are vaccinated, you're at risk."
— Naiya Washburn '23

"I want to put the science and vaccine to the test."
— Mackenzie Gathright '22

"I have a high risk family member, so I wear mine."
— Grasy Trobaugh '25

**"How I feel? Watch this.
Rips mask in half."**
— Nate Carasick '25

"Since we're 9th graders, I haven't been able to see peoples' faces, it's cool to see them now."
— Sierra Colven '25

"I'm worried cases are gonna pop up...you're taking away a protection method."
— CJ Geisburt '23

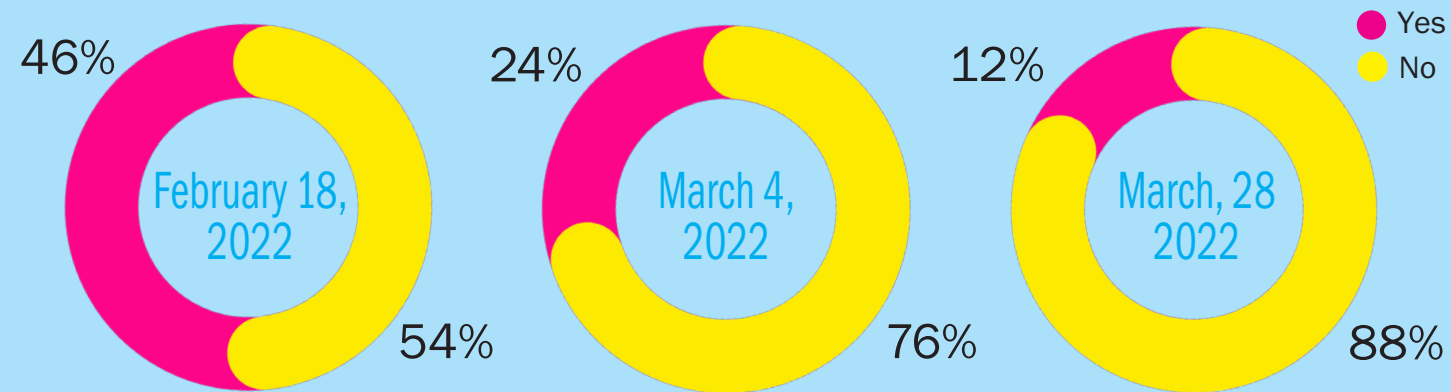
MASK *mania?*

END OF BOULDER
COUNTY'S MASK MANDATE
LEADS TO CONFUSION,
CONFLICTING OPINIONS

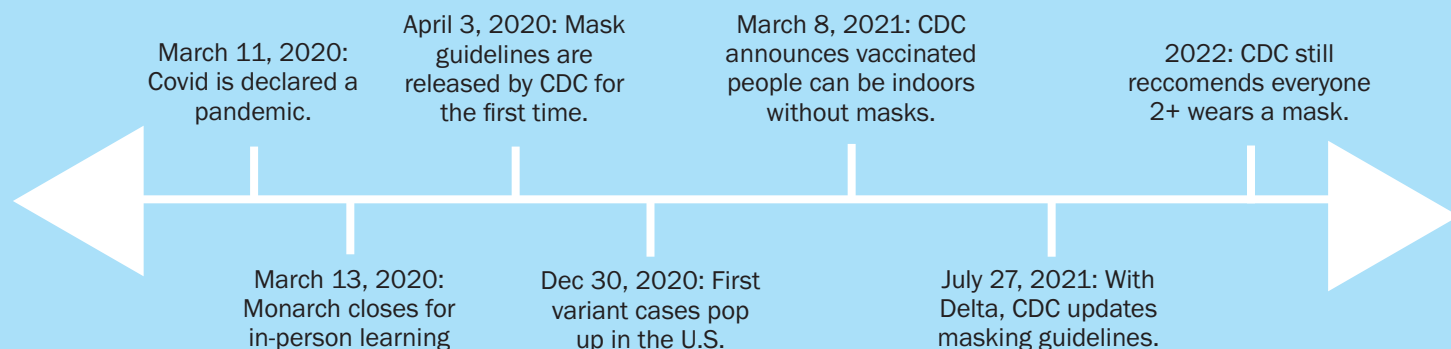
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ARE YOU *wearing a mask?*

*BASED ON @MOHIMIX INSTAGRAM POLLS WITH 1318 TOTAL RESPONSES



MASK *timeline*



CDC vs *Boulder*

Centers for Disease Control on Feb. 18:

"CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (ages 2 years and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status."

"Masking is a critical public health too and it is important to remember that any mask is better than no mask."

CONFLICTING RECOMMENDATIONS CAUSE UNCERTAINTY

Boulder County Public Health on Feb. 18:

"Order 2021-08 required all people 2+ to wear a mask in every indoor space. That was repealed on February 18th."

"Boulder County still recommends masking for everyone 2+."

"All existing state and federal mask requirements remain in place."

PEER *pressure*

CLASSMATES INFLUENCE MASK-WEARING

"I would feel peer pressured to wear a mask."
— Lizzie Herrera '22

"Everyone has only seen this part of my face. It's scary to show the rest."
— Colby Crean '25

"I don't want to be looked at weirdly."
— Lauren Kleinman '22

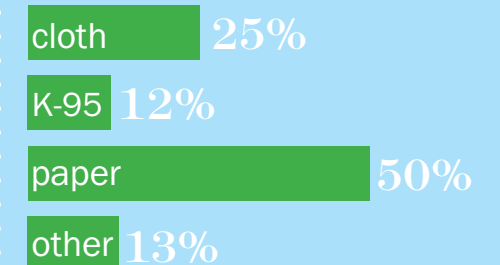
Tori Coleman '25 experiences peer pressure for choosing not to wear a mask.

SPLIT *decision*

LACY THOMPSON '25 WORRIES ABOUT DECISION

1. "It's a safety net and more of a self-conscious thing."
2. "Wearing a mask is automatic. Then once I get to school I decide which classes to wear it in."
3. "I have a friends who don't wear their masks anymore. Whatever you feel comfortable with."

WHAT MASK DID *you* WEAR?



*Based on an @mohimix Instagram poll with 281 responses

SAY *goodbye*

JOEY SAWTELLE '23 BELIEVES MASKS HAVE GOT TO GO

1. "A lot of people are vaccinated, and it's way more comfortable to not wear one."
2. "They're not wearing masks at the White House."
3. "I was pretty scared at first because people were getting really hurt from it."

NOT *so fast*

MINNA MOST '23 CHOOSES TO STAY MASKED

1. "I don't really have time to get sick."
2. "I'm choosing to wear a mask because the CDC still recommends it at schools."
3. "It's a social responsibility to wear it as much as possible until this is over."