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*This email is going to all PFT Members*

Dear PFT Members,

Welcome back! Below is a press release that just came out from Governor Newsom. It indicates that after March 11, in schools and child care facilities, masks will not be required but will be strongly recommended. Dr. Ghaly will be live at 1:00 today with more information. If there are any additional pertinent details, I will update you ASAP.

In Unity,

Kelly

## **Governors Newsom, Brown and Inslee Announce Updated Health Guidance**

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SACRAMENTO – With declining case rates and hospitalizations across the West, California, Oregon and Washington are moving together to update their masking guidance. After 11:59 p.m. on March 11, California, Oregon and Washington will adopt new indoor mask policies and move from mask requirements to mask recommendations in schools.

State policies do not change federal requirements, which still include masks on public transit.

**Statement from California Governor Gavin Newsom:** “California continues to adjust our policies based on the latest data and science, applying what we’ve learned over the past two years to guide our response to the pandemic. Masks are an effective tool to minimize spread of the virus and future variants, especially when transmission rates are high. We cannot predict the future of the virus, but we are better prepared for it and will continue to take measures rooted in science to keep California moving forward.”

In California, starting March 1, masks will no longer be required for unvaccinated individuals, but will be strongly recommended for all individuals in most indoor settings. After March 11, in schools and child care facilities, masks will not be required but will be strongly recommended. Masks will still be required for everyone in high transmission settings like public transit, emergency shelters, health care settings, correctional facilities, homeless shelters and long-term care facilities. As always, local jurisdictions may have additional requirements beyond the state guidance.

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