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STATEMENT ON THE LIFTING OF THE FACE MASK MANDATE

The Department of Health published Regulations on 22 June 2022 repealing amongst others, the wearing of face masks when entering and when being inside an indoor public place.

The Department of Basic Education aligns itself and welcomes this new development. The wearing of face masks in schools is optional for learners and educators.

Minister of Basic Education Mrs Angie Motshekga supports the repealing of mask mandate for learners.

"In line with this decision to repeal the regulations, wearing of face masks by learners in classrooms, and indoor gatherings is no longer a requirement. Those learners and staff who wish to continue to wear face a mask in schools will be allowed to exercise this option," said Minister Motshekga.

DBE continues to support the COVID-19 Vaccination of all learners aged from 12 years, with parental consent.

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