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**MAYOR ADAMS' STATEMENT ON MASK MANDATES IN SCHOOLS, VACCINE
MANDATES ACROSS NYC**

NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today released the following statement regarding mask mandates in schools and vaccines mandates across New York City:

"I want to thank the millions of New Yorkers who have gotten vaccinated to help stop the spread. New Yorkers stepped up and helped us save lives by reaching unprecedented levels of vaccination. I also want to thank Governor Hochul for her partnership in the fight against COVID-19 and for making clear that parents should be part of this conversation.

"More than a million New York City school children will return to class tomorrow after a week off. At the end of this week, we will evaluate the numbers and make a final announcement on Friday. If we see no unforeseen spikes and our numbers continue to show a low level of risk, New York City will remove the indoor mask mandate for public school children, effective next Monday, March 7. Our schools have been among the safest places for our children since the beginning of the pandemic, and we will continue to make the proper public health decisions to keep our kids safe, including making masks available for any child or school staff member who wishes to continue wearing them.

"Additionally, New York City's numbers continue to go down day after day, so, as long as COVID indicators show a low level of risk and we see no surprises this week, on Monday, March 7 we will also lift [Key2NYC](#) requirements. This will give business owners the time to adapt and will allow us to ensure we are making the best public health decisions for the people of New York.

"All other vaccine mandates in New York City will remain in place at this time as they are, and have been, vital to protecting New Yorkers."

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