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Dear Residents, Families, and Team Members,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits.

As most of you are aware, earlier this week, Governor Baker had announced plans to lift the school mask mandate by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please be advised that this mandate only applies to K-12 schools and licensed child care providers in Massachusetts.

While we are hopeful that this signifies a continuation of a downward trend in state-wide Coronavirus cases, we must also continue following city guidelines when it comes to mask-wearing in our communities. Currently the cities of Amherst, South Hadley, and Springfield require masks in indoor and public spaces, regardless of vaccination status.

We thank you again for your continued efforts and dedication to keeping our communities safe amidst this pandemic. Please continue your commitment to everyone's safety by practicing appropriate mask wearing, getting boosted if you have not already done so, staying home if you're not feeling well, and getting tested when necessary.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Margaret Mantoni, CEO

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