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Milwaukee Public Schools making move to "mask optional" on April 18

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MILWAUKEE— Milwaukee Public Schools, the state's largest school district, moved forward with a plan this week to essentially end their current mask mandate in mid-April, making the move going forward to mask-optional instead as cases of COVID-19 continue to fade statewide.

"We have been through a lot this year and for the last really three years, going through this pandemic and working through this pandemic," Dr. Keith Posley, superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools, told Spectrum News 1 on Friday. "We have been in constant communication and looking at the CDC guidelines, working with the Department of Health Services, the Milwaukee Health Department, the **Council of Great City Schools** and all our partners [looking] at what we can do and when is a great time to look at masks being made optional."

Barring any changes beforehand, that move to optional face-coverings is set to happen on April 18.

"We decided to give that two weeks after Spring Break, so that if there is a spike in infection rate," Dr. Posley added, "we will have an opportunity to look at those spikes and make sure that we're moving in the right direction to mitigate this virus."