

# Rep. Vos: Parental opt-out passes in Assembly

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**Madison...** Parents will have the choice to opt their children out of school mask mandates, and schools will be required to offer an in-person learning option for students, thanks to a bill passed by the Wisconsin State Assembly.

This legislation will still allow schools to implement mask mandates but requires them to give parents the ability to opt their child out of that mandate.

“This bill empowers parents to have a say in their children’s health, their education, and their treatment in school,” said Rep. Vos. “A choice that has unfortunately been lacking for many parents and children over the past two years.”

In Wisconsin, school-aged children with confirmed cases of COVID end up in the hospital less than 1% of the time. Nationally, the American Academy of Pediatrics found that only between 0.1 and 1.6 percent of child coronavirus cases result in hospitalization.

[Assembly Bill 995](#) models legislation recently passed in both houses of the Virginia State Legislature with bipartisan support. Currently, 43 states no longer have mask mandates.