

August 4, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As of August 2nd, data provided by the CDC identifies Delaware [County in the "Substantial" level of community transmission.](#)

When the community transmission rate of COVID-19 reaches "substantial" or "high" the District's [Health & Safety Plan](#) will require masks to be worn indoors. While the district's plan initially called for unvaccinated individuals to wear a mask during the substantial level of community transmission, the [July 27th CDC guidance](#) "Recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, **regardless of vaccination status.**" In addition to the CDC, the PA Department of Health and the PA Department of Education recommend that people in areas with substantial or high COVID-19 transmission resume masking indoors in public areas regardless of vaccination status.

The Chester County Health Department no longer serves as the health authority for Delaware County. The PA Department of Health became our health authority on August 1, 2021. At this time the data to which we have access is Delaware County data in the aggregate. We continue to look for some health authority from which we can obtain reliable and consistent data relative to our district.

Yesterday, we notified all district staff and families of Extended School Year students of the change to wearing a mask while indoors in any district facility beginning today, August 4th, regardless of vaccination status. This requirement includes attendance at any meeting held in district facilities.

Our Health and Safety Plan allows for layered prevention strategies so that we can provide full-time in-person instruction this September and keep our students and staff safe. Thank you for assisting us in our efforts.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Reusche, Ed.D.  
Superintendent