



PENNCREST

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September 1, 2021

PENNCREST Families,

On August 31, 2021 Acting Secretary of Health, Alison V. Beam, published the [Order of the Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Face Coverings in School Entities](#) effective September 7, 2021.

The PENNCREST School District **must comply with this legal directive** from the Secretary of Health pursuant to Pennsylvania law section 5 of the [Disease Prevention and Control Law](#), 35 P.S. § 521.5; section 2102(a) of the [Administrative Code of 1929](#), 71 P.S. § 532(a); and the [Department of Health's regulation](#) Pa. Code § 27.60, 35 P.S. § 521.5; 71 P.S. §§ 532(a), and 1403(a); 28 Pa. Code § 27.60.

Effective Tuesday, September 7, 2021, all PENNCREST students, staff and visitors are required to wear a mask or face shield as outlined in the August 31, 2021 Order.

Parents should send the school principal medical documentation for all **Section 3.B exemptions**.

Section 3.B - If wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability.

Like many of our staff, students and families, I continue to be frustrated with the changes to regulations, mandates and guidance. PENNCREST has spent the last three months preparing for in-person instruction and implementing COVID mitigations strategies. We know this new mask mandate may cause some families to choose other educational options. Please speak with the school principal regarding your options.

We expect a sudden enrollment increase in the [PENNCREST Cyber Academy](#). If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren), please complete the [PCA Interest Form](#) and we will contact you to begin registration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Superintendent