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TO: PENNCREST School Community
FROM: Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool *TS*
DATE: November 22, 2021
RE: *21-22 SY Health and Safety Plan Update*

PENNCREST continues to follow the PA School Code Chapter 27 adopted October 30, 1959, amended January 12, 1979, effective January 13, 1979, as outlined in Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955 (35 P.S. §521.1-521.21), and the current recommendations from local, state and federal officials related to communicable diseases, including COVID-19. [PENNCREST 21-22 SY Health & Safety Plan](#)

- **Effective December 4, 2021 and until further notice, the wearing of a mask or face covering in our schools is not required.** The district strongly recommends individuals who are not vaccinated wear a mask or face covering in school. [November 10, 2021 Commonwealth Court decision](#)
- **PENNCREST is still required to case investigate and contact trace positive COVID-19 cases, notify close contacts and quarantine individuals from school.** A close contact is still defined as an individual who is unvaccinated or unmasked and within 6 feet of an infected individual for 15 minutes. We understand there are exceptions to this general definition and will take appropriate action.
- All COVID-19 information for every PENNCREST school is available at <https://www.penncrest.org/departments/health-services/coronavirus-resources>
- Every staff and student should know the [signs and symptoms of COVID-19](#).
 - **Students, staff and visitors who are exhibiting COVID-19 signs and symptoms will be immediately sent home.**
- Every staff and student should know how to [prevent the spread of COVID-19](#).
- In the event that spread requires a school closure, all education will immediately transition to online learning.