



PENNCREST

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PENNCREST School Community:

Thank you for your continued patience, fortitude and flexibility. **Effective immediately, 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.

The following information is required by the PA Departments of Health and Education and is in alignment with the statutory requirements outlined in Title 28 PA Code Chapter 27 relating to communicable and noncommunicable diseases. All PA schools must report positive cases of COVID-19 to PA DoH for case investigation, contact tracing, and issuance of quarantine and/or isolation orders; and **exclude from school children and staff showing symptoms of a communicable disease**. School officials have the authority to restrict people who are at risk of spreading COVID-19 from entering the school building. Schools do not need a quarantine order to take action to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

Current PDE Guidance:

- <https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/RespondingtoCases/Pages/default.aspx>

PENNCREST Information:

- <https://www.penncrest.org/departments/health-services/coronavirus-resources>
- [PENNCREST 21-22 SY Health & Safety Plan](#)

Sincerely,

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Superintendent