



AVON GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Avon Grove Charter School Community;

At last night's school board meeting, the board revisited our [Health and Safety Plan](#). As a result, **effective Monday, February 28, 2022:**

- **Wearing face coverings will be recommended, but not required, for all students, staff, and visitors while inside Avon Grove Charter School buildings.**
- Students are required to continue to wear masks while riding the school bus. Mask wearing on school buses is a federal requirement until March 18, 2022.
- AGCS will continue to support and implement the [CCHD guidance on isolation and quarantines](#).

We are in a different situation than even three weeks ago. Since the beginning, we have followed guidance from the Chester County Health Department and our advising healthcare professionals. This decision to pivot again is under their direction and our commitment to being responsive to changing conditions while still prioritizing the safety of our students and staff. The following are important factors that were considered:

1. Significant decline in COVID-19 case counts and transmission rates
2. Reduced hospitalization rates
3. Reduced exposure risk and virulence, as seen by the Omicron variant
4. Vaccinations and boosters are available.
5. Isolation for positive cases has been reduced from ten to five days.
6. Schools are no longer authorized to conduct contact tracing per the CCHD

We are sensitive to the fact that we have staff and students who are medically compromised. Please contact the school nurse if you would like to discuss a health-related concern. You can obtain free KN95 masks at your local pharmacy. We will also work with you at the school level to medically accommodate any concerns with appropriate documentation.

If you have any questions or feedback on these Health and Safety Plan adjustments, please email health.safety@agcharter.org. Also, you can always find our current COVID case numbers on our dashboard. As always, please keep your child(ren) home if they are sick, and notify your school nurse if your child or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID for further guidance.

We appreciate your ongoing patience and understanding as we adapt to the pandemic's ever-changing challenges.

Forward Together,

Kristen Bishop