On July 1, 2020, the PA Secretary of Health issued an Order requiring all individuals to wear a face covering when they leave their homes. This Order applies to any individual aged two and older whenever outside the home, including while in school entities, including public K-12 schools, PA Pre-K Counts, Head Start Programs, and Preschool Early Intervention programs.

When worn properly, a face covering helps reduce the spread of the coronavirus by reducing droplet transmission between people. As a reminder, face coverings do not replace the need for maintaining social distancing, frequent hand washing, and our rigorous cleaning and disinfecting routines.

Approved Face Coverings
“Face covering” means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. A "face covering" can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen, and, includes a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth.

Please follow the guidance below for applying, removing, and cleaning the four types of face coverings approved for wear by school district staff, students, and visitors. Hand hygiene should be performed before and after applying and removing a face covering.

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General Guidance: Students
- Students must wear a face covering into school and have a spare to use, if necessary.
- All students must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth inside the school and outside.
- If a student refuses to wear a mask, their parents/guardians will be contacted to pick them up from school.
- Students are required to wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Accommodations for such students should be made in partnership with the student’s health care provider, school nurse, and IEP/504 team.
- Students may remove their face covering when they are eating or drinking when faced 6 feet apart.

General Guidance: School Staff and Visitors
- Face coverings must be worn by all non-students, both staff and visitors (including parents and guardians), while on school property.
- Individuals must wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school.
- Face coverings may be removed to eat or drink during breaks and lunch periods; however, at those times, social distancing must be practiced.
- Staff should remain mindful not to touch face coverings except for removal for meals and breaks.
- When masks are removed, they must be placed below the chin, in a pocket or on the lap. Face coverings should not be placed on tabletops or other communal surfaces.