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Dear Students and Parents,

On November 17th, the Pennsylvania Department of Health announced new targeted efforts to slow the spread of COVID, including **more stringent face covering and travel quarantine requirements**. It does not change too much to what we have already been doing, but there are some more rigorous guidelines that we want to make you aware of:

- New Pennsylvania state regulations require face coverings at all times indoors, even if you can socially distance. Our students have already been doing this.
 - Like before, students may only remove face coverings when eating or drinking 6 feet apart, or during face covering breaks not to exceed 10 minutes while 6 feet apart.
- When outdoors, face coverings are required when students are unable to socially distance.
 - This now includes athletic competition - sports, physical education classes, and recess.

We created a [condensed version of the FAQs](#) about the updated mask guidance as it pertains to schools. In addition, please be aware of other implications for travel:

- Beginning Friday, November 20th, Pennsylvanians are required to provide a negative test or quarantine for 14 days before returning to school/work if traveling outside of Pennsylvania. Traveling out of state can obviously affect your ability for your child to be at school. This is applicable to staff and students.

For more information, please read the full list of [Travel FAQs](#). We also updated our [Daily COVID-19 Screening Checklist](#) to include these guidelines as well as our [COVID-19 page](#) on our website.

We are grateful to be able to continue to be open for in-person instruction for our students. Your willingness to follow the health and safety plan has contributed to an extremely low case count in our buildings. Let's continue to do what we reasonably can to help control the spread of COVID, stay healthy, and continue to be able to stay open.

Sincerely,

Vince Hoover, Director of Curriculum