

August 18, 2020

Good Morning ICS Families,

We have received an update from the Department of Health (DOH) in regard to face coverings. Please read information below, which will be added to our current safety plan.

This is the update we received:

Last week, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released an update to their guidance strongly recommending children age two and older should wear face coverings at all times to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Prior guidance we released in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) stated students in schools could remove their face coverings as long as six feet of social distancing could be maintained. Given this recent change from the AAP, and consistent with the Secretary of Health's Face Covering Order issued on July 1, 2020, DOH is requiring students wear face coverings at all times while in school, even when six feet of social distancing can be achieved. There are limited exceptions.

Visit our Answers to FAQs on Face Coverings/Masks webpage for more information.

The link on the Pennsylvania Department of Education website with this new information is:

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

Under what circumstances are students permitted to remove their face coverings?

Schools may allow students to remove face coverings when students are: Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; or

When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task; or

At least 6 feet apart during "face-covering breaks" to last no longer than 10 minutes.

Thank you for your continuous support during these most difficult times. We are praying for all our ICS families.

May God Bless Us All,

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