

School District of Borough of Morrisville

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Dear Morrisville School Community,

On Friday, December 10, 2021, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court affirmed the Order of Commonwealth Court, which vacated the Department of Health's Face Covering Order issued in August. As a result, the decision on mask mandates in schools reverts to a Local Education Agency (LEA) or district decision. The School District of Borough of Morrisville's current Board approved Health and Safety Plan states the following in regards to masks:

Based on the August 23, 2021 Bucks County Department of Health guidance: All individuals (students, teachers, staff, visitors) should wear masks in schools K-12 to begin the school year regardless of vaccination status. Individuals do not need to wear masks when outdoors. Per the CDC order on wearing masks on public transportation, regardless of the school mask policy, masks are required to be worn by passengers and drivers on school buses.

Therefore, all students, staff, and visitors will continue to be required to wear masks while in our buildings. Additionally, here is a link to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) <u>Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools</u>. The School District of Borough of Morrisville and our Pandemic Team will continue to monitor the guidance provided by the CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), and the Bucks County Health Department (BCHD) as well as other federal, state, and local authorities to ensure that we meet all health and safety requirements.

We understand that the changing guidance and requirements related to the pandemic can be challenging and appreciate your continued support as we respond to the needs of our school community.

Sincerely,

Sean D. Haines Acting Superintendent of Schools