



# Selinsgrove Area School District

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\*In response to the PA DOH Face-Covering Order communicated on August 31, 2021...

Selinsgrove Area School District Community:

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, the Selinsgrove Area School Board voted to establish optional masking across school district operations. This past Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, the PA DOH, through the Governor's Office, established a face-covering order for K-12 indoor/transportation operations. The order does not apply to outdoor operations or when participating in high intensity activities such as physical education class or athletic competition when indoors. The order goes into effect on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Upon receiving notification of the face-covering order on August 31<sup>st</sup>, the school district immediately began reviewing its obligations for compliance and professionally communicated with its legal advisement on how to proceed. To be clear, the Selinsgrove Area School District has a legal obligation to follow this order as communicated through the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Governor's Office. This notification serves as an official notice from the Selinsgrove Area School District informing its stakeholders of the requirement for face-coverings to be worn in compliance with the order. (See the Pandemic Response tab on the school district website for a link to the order itself.)

Section three of the order provides a list of exceptions to the face-covering requirement. The Selinsgrove Area School District, as required, has provided an exemption form for families to review and fill out if they have a child in need of an exemption. For the exemption form process to be complete, a parent/guardian needs to provide a signed copy of the form to their child's respective school office. This form can be found on the main page of the school district website, under 'District Links'.

The district thanks you for your patience and understanding. We will continue to strive to meet our legal obligations while making local decisions related to COVID Mitigation. Best wishes for a nice holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank R. Jankowski