

August 19, 2020

On Monday, August 17, 2020, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Education released official correspondence to school districts *requiring students to wear face coverings at all times while in school, even when six feet of social distancing can be achieved*. In response to the correspondence, The Millersburg Area School District updated its [Face Coverings Protocols for Students, Staff and Visitors](#) as well as our [Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan](#). Both documents have been posted to the District website.

The District has also posted preliminary guidance on what criteria it will use to determine whether schools or the entire district needs to be closed based on confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the school(s) as well as community spread. The [Interim School Closure Decision Matrix](#) provides some of the criteria that will be factored into the District's decision-making to close school. During school closure periods, all students would take part in remote education.

In addition, the District has developed a [Daily Symptom Screening Tool](#) for parents that will assist in decreasing the transmission of illnesses in school. The Tool is based on the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

We continue to appreciate our parents and students understanding as we navigate through the beginning of the school year under exceptional circumstances.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Haupt  
Superintendent