



MUNCY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Muncy Family,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health.

As you are most likely already aware, yesterday, the Department of Health issued an [Order](#) requiring all staff, students and visitors to mask in all school buildings and on all school district transportation regardless of vaccination status beginning on Tuesday, September 7th. Answers to [FAQs](#) are also available on the Pennsylvania Department of Education's website.

The purpose of the order is to maintain continuous in person instruction for all students by greatly reducing the likelihood of our schools having to close and significantly reducing the likelihood of our students needing to quarantine. The Order also acknowledges that face covering requirements cannot go on forever and the state will provide a comprehensive update to the education community by October 1, 2021.

Masks are not required outside and we remain committed to maintaining normal interactions within our school buildings. Please know that we will provide students with adequate mask breaks, opportunities to be outside when appropriate and continue what has already been a great start to the 2021-2022 school year.

A list of masking exceptions are provided on page three (3) and four (4) of the [Order](#) for your review. Unlike last year, mask exceptions are now in place for individuals participating in sports or physical education activities, whether indoors or outdoors. Additionally, exceptions may be made if wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability.

In order to enact a medical exception, parents need to get a medical directive from their child's healthcare provider stating the child has a known medical or mental health condition or other disability and cannot wear a mask during school or needs other accommodations. A medical directive exempting an individual from wearing a mask while at school must be provided by a licensed healthcare provider. A licensed healthcare provider includes a Doctor of Medicine (MD), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), Physician Assistant (PA), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) or licensed psychologist. A student mask exemption request form is required to be completed and sent to the school principal prior to enacting this exception. Please use the following link to access the form: [Muncy School District Medical Exemption Form](#).

Last school year exemplified how our TRIBE is a supportive community that helps each other experience success. I am confident we can work together once again this school year to make for a great 2021-2022 school year for all.

The Board is considering adding a meeting to the September board meeting schedule to allow for a more complete discussion of the [Order](#) in relation to the District's Health and Safety Plan, to listen to public input and to examine what, if any, options may be available to the Board for consideration. Tentatively, the Board plans to meet on Monday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. In the meantime, thanks for your cooperation, patience, flexibility and support.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns by e-mailing or calling the individuals listed below. We will work as quickly as possible to answer individual inquiries.

1. For questions related to **home education and district related questions** and concerns, please contact Linda Kneedler at lkneedler@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 2040
2. For questions related to **our online learning academy**, please contact Erik Berthold at eberthold@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 3260
3. For **high school** related questions and concerns, please contact Nicole Edwards at nedwards@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 3220
4. For **elementary school** related questions and concerns, please contact Vickie Conner at vconner@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 1100
5. For **health services** related questions and concerns, please contact Jay Drumheller at jdrumheller@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 1160
6. For **special education** related questions and concerns, please contact Cheryl Good at cgood@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 1250
7. For **food service** related questions and concerns, please contact Tom Kuntz at tkuntz@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 1120
8. For **athletic** related questions and concerns, please contact Curt Chilson at cchilson@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 3630
9. For **transportation** related questions and concerns, please contact Kay Buck at kay@susquehannabus.com or 570-935-0542
10. For questions and concerns related to **cleaning products or cleaning procedures**, please contact Jerry Knier at jknier@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 3720
11. For questions and concerns related to **technology**, please contact Chris Frey at cfrey@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 7777

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay Strong!

Sincerely,



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