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Re: PA DOH Updated Universal Face Covering Order

Susquehanna Community Students and Families,

This letter is to notify our students and families regarding the Updated Universal Face Covering Order by the PA Department of Health (DOH) and how it impacts our students when they return to in-person instruction.

On November, 19, the PA DOH issued an update to the order for “Universal Face Coverings”. This new order addresses “face shields”. The order reflects guidance from the CDC that states, “face shields may still be an option in situations where wearing a cloth face covering is not otherwise feasible”. Section 3: Exceptions to Covering Requirement addresses “not otherwise feasible”. 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. You can access the Order on our website under the COVID-19

Announcements or at

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/20201117-SOH-Universal-Face-Coverings-Order-Update.pdf>

When our students return to in-person instruction, they will not be allowed to wear a face shield, unless they have a medical or mental condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in a school.

If you have any questions, please contact your student’s building principal or myself.

Best,

Peter J Supko  
Acting Superintendent