



**CONNEAUT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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Conneaut School District Families,

On August 31, 2021, Acting Secretary of Health, Alison V. Beam issued an order directing face coverings in school entities effective September 7, 2021. The Conneaut School District will abide by this order. The order states that all students, staff and visitors will be required to wear an appropriate face covering when in school buildings for both public and private school as well as the Crawford County Career Technical School.

To view the Department of Health order in its entirety, visit:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Diseases%20and%20Conditions/Order%20of%20the%20Acting%20Secretary%20Directing%20Face%20Coverings%20in%20Schools.pdf>

As stated in the Conneaut School District Health and Safety Plan that was approved by the Conneaut School Board on August 11, 2021, State orders and/or local data may result in modifications to the District's face covering practices. The District's compliance with the current Pennsylvania Department of Health's order aligns with this previously approved plan.

As a reminder, as per a CDC mandate, face coverings are currently required for all students and staff on District transportation.

The District recognizes that wearing a face covering in school may be difficult for some students. If your child meets the criteria for an exemption from wearing a face covering under the DOH order:

- A. If wearing a face covering while working would create an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- B. 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.
- C. When necessary to confirm the individual's identity.
- D. When working alone and isolated from interaction with other people with little or no expectation of in-person interaction.

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E. If an individual is communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired or has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

F. When the individual is under two (2) years of age.

G. When an individual is:

(1) Engaged in an activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask, such as eating and drinking, or playing an instrument that would be obstructed by the face covering; or

(2) Participating in high intensity aerobic or an aerobic activity, including during a physical education class in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet from all other individuals.

H. When a child/student is participating in a sports practice activity or event, whether indoors or outdoors.

Please contact your child's building principal as soon as possible so that appropriate documentation may be reviewed for consideration.

Accommodations for students with medical exemptions will be made in partnership with the student's health care provider and the District's Special Education Department.

It is important to note that the CDC guidance adds the following exception to the definition of a close contact:

"In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time."

Mask wearing will significantly limit the number of students who will need to quarantine.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue to work to ensure a safe educational experience for all of our District students and employees.

Sincerely,



Jarrin Sperry

Superintendent Conneaut School District

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