



CENTRAL VALLEY

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Nicholas D. Perry, Superintendent

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On August 31, 2021, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health issued a Universal Masking Order for all Pennsylvania school entities, effective Tuesday, September 7, 2021. A link to the Order can be found on the District website. This Order mandates the wearing of face coverings for all staff, students, and visitors while in attendance in Central Valley School District buildings. The District is required to adhere to this mandate; therefore, all staff, students, and visitors are required to wear face coverings when inside school buildings regardless of vaccination status, subject to certain exceptions contained in the Order. A link to the Order can be found on the District website. Masks continue to be required on all District school busses as well. Students not currently enrolled in the Central Valley Online Academy (CVOA) will continue to be required to attend school in person.

The Universal Masking Order is to remain in effect until the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health determines it is no longer necessary as a public health measure. The Central Valley School District will work to ensure that students have opportunities to safely remove their masks throughout the school day. If students have an identified disability (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA) that precludes the wearing of a mask, parents will need to present medical documentation indicating the medical disability and medical need for accommodation to the building principal. If the student has a 504 or IEP, the student team will meet to discuss the need for accommodation in the current plan. If the student does not have a current 504 or IEP, a team meeting will occur to discuss a health care plan or 504 evaluation.

The goal of the Central Valley School District is to maintain the health and safety of our staff and students, and to keep our schools open for face-to-face instruction. While I understand that many people are divided on this Order, the District is required to and will comply with the Order. I appreciate your patience since Tuesday's announcement as the District reviewed the Order with our legal counsel.

Respectfully,

Dr. Nicholas Perry
Superintendent