



Bristol Township School District

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Dear Bristol Township School District Families,

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is here in less than a week! I commend you all for your hard work and dedication to your child's learning in these trying times. As you plan for Thanksgiving, I want to remind you of PA Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine's recent orders that are now in effect.

Traveler Testing

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) [issued an order](#) requiring anyone traveling into and/or returning from another state to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the commonwealth or to quarantine for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania.

This order, which takes effect on Friday, November 20, does not apply to people who commute to and from another state for work or medical treatment.

If your child will be in the hybrid model after Thanksgiving and your family plans to travel, please contact your child's school nurse. If your child must quarantine, they are expected to log in virtually with their teacher. This will not count as an absence.

Strengthened Masking Order

The Pennsylvania DOH first issued a masking order on April 15. Please read the FAQ on the updated order [here](#). The [order signed earlier this week](#) strengthens this initial order with these inclusions:

- Masks are required to be worn indoors and outdoors if you are away from your home.
- When outdoors, a mask must be worn if you are not able to remain physically distant (at least 6 feet away) from someone not in your household the entire time you are outdoors.
- When indoors, masks will now be required even if you are physically distant from members not in your household. This means that even if you are able to be 6 feet apart, you will need to wear a mask while inside if you are with people other than members of your household.
- This order applies to every indoor facility, including homes, retail establishments, gyms, doctors' offices, public transportation, and anywhere food is prepared, packaged, or served.

This order is something we have already been following in our schools. Staff and students MUST wear a mask or face shield (the order still allows) at all times UNLESS they are alone in a room.

Please be mindful of the recommendations of our public health experts regarding travel, social distancing, masking, and hygiene. Adhering to these guidelines will ensure hybrid learning starts off successfully. Wishing you all a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie Gehrens".

Melanie Gehrens, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
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