



Bristol Township School District

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Dear Bristol Township School District Staff and Families,

There are several important updates I want to provide you with from the Pennsylvania Departments of Health (DOH) and Education (PDE).

Amended Face Cover Order

Everyone must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth. Under the latest universal masking order, masks are to be worn both indoors and outdoors. **Faces shields are no longer a substitute for masks under this new state update unless no other options are feasible for the individual.**

Amended Travel Order

The new changes to the [travel order](#) include 1) Order only applies to those over age 11.; 2) The required negative test may be obtained after the traveler returns to Pennsylvania.; 3) Order does not apply to travel out of the state for less than 24 hours.

COVID Metrics and PDE Attestation Form

Currently our county remains in a Substantial level of community transmission, as designated by the Pennsylvania DOH and PDE. Last week, Governor Wolf issued a new order for school districts, which can be found [HERE](#).

The Pennsylvania DOH and PDE recommend that school entities in counties with Substantial disease transmission transition to remote-only instructional models. However, if a school district chooses to provide in-person instruction while its residing county is exhibiting a Substantial level of community transmission, a [PDE Attestation Form](#) must be signed attesting to compliance with the recent [Updated Order Requiring Universal Face Coverings](#) and strict adherence to the [Recommendations for Schools Following the Identification of a Case\(s\) of COVID-19](#). This provides specific metrics that would prompt a school-specific closure due to the number of positive cases in that school if the district was unable to complete the required measures.

Our District is committed to the compliance and adherence required in order to provide hybrid in-person learning. **Therefore, the attestation has been signed by our District with the intent of following all measures that would enable us to continue our current hybrid program.**

For all positive COVID cases, we will continue to communicate with all families in the impacted school, investigate school contacts, clean all spaces, and work with the Bucks County Health Department to conduct contact tracing and help to determine other necessary measures. Temporary changes to academic attendance models will be communicated as soon as possible. Families should be prepared for full remote/virtual learning if necessary.

Thank you for the understanding and support you have continued to provide to your child(ren) and our staff during this stressful time. For questions regarding your child, please contact the building principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melanie Gehrens".

Melanie Gehrens, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools