

Dear Avonworth School Community,

As you may know, on September 7, 2021, Pennsylvania's Acting Secretary of Health issued a [masking order](#) for all K-12 schools in Pennsylvania, requiring face coverings indoors. This message is a reminder that all visitors must wear masks during all evening events inside a school building regardless of vaccination status.

The District's goal is to maintain in-person attendance at all indoor evening events, such as School Board meetings, athletic events, meetings, and student performances/presentations. We especially want to ensure our parents and caregivers can attend their children's athletic events and school activities in person. Your cooperation is needed to maintain in-person attendance. As specified in the masking order issued by the Acting Secretary of Health, all evening spectators and attendees are required to properly wear a mask at all times while inside a building.

We have observed the vast majority of spectators and attendees complying with the mask mandate at our evening events. Thank you so much for being so cooperative. However, we need 100% compliance from our evening visitors/spectators for in-person attendance to remain. The District will continue to monitor evening activities for compliance. Non-compliance with the masking order during evening events, meetings, or activities will jeopardize the District's ability to maintain in-person attendance at evening activities and meetings.

The following procedures will be in place moving forward.

- Signs will be posted to remind visitors of the mask requirement while indoors.
- Staff will remind visitors upon entrance to an event/meeting to put on a mask.
- Masks will be available upon request for visitors that need one.
- An announcement will be made at the start of evening indoor events, activities, and meetings to remind visitors of the masking requirement.
- If someone refuses to comply, that individual will be asked to leave.
- If non-compliance continues at an event, activity, or meeting, future in-person attendance for that event, activity, or meeting will not be allowed.
  - This may be enacted for the next event, activity, or meeting and then reinstated; however, ongoing non-compliance may result in having in-person attendance permanently revoked for a specific activity or meeting.

We do understand that we have visitors/spectators from outside our School District during evening events. We do not want visitors from outside our district to jeopardize in-person attendance for Avonworth parents and caregivers. Every effort will be made to identify those not complying in order to preserve in-person attendance for our Avonworth parents and caregivers.

We also ask Avonworth parents and caregivers to respect our neighbors when visiting their schools for an event by following the mask mandate when inside their buildings.

We have heard this phrase used often since the beginning of the pandemic, but we indeed are "in this together." Thank you in advance for your continued understanding and cooperation with this requirement.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

