

September 24, 2021

Dear Avonworth Parents & Caregivers,

A question about mesh masks was brought to the Allegheny County Health Department. Following our weekly meeting with the Chief Epidemiologist at the Health Department, guidance was sent to Allegheny County superintendent's to address the use of mesh masks in schools.

The guidance from the Health Department states that a mesh mask does not align with the intent of the [current order from the Pennsylvania Department of Health](#), which defines an acceptable face covering.

We ask that parents & caregivers send their child(ren) to school in a mask that meets the definition of a face-covering per the PA Department of Health Mask Order. If it is suspected that a child is wearing a mesh mask, the building principal will reach out to the parent/caregiver.

The guidance from the Allegheny County Health Department regarding mesh masks can be accessed using the link below.

[Allegheny County Department of Health COVID-19 Guidance](#)

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Hadley, Ed.D.
Superintendent