

Friday, August 6, 2021

Dear Avonworth Parents & Caregivers,

We want to inform you of a few updates regarding current COVID conditions and ongoing planning for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Weekly COVID informational updates will also be provided each Friday from this point forward.

After a summer of very low cases per 100K individuals and a consistently low percent positivity rate for new cases of COVID in Allegheny County, numbers have continued to climb over the past three to four weeks. As of today, August 6, 2021, Allegheny County has had 55.1 cases per 100K and a percent positivity rate of 5.4% over the last seven days ([source](#)). Earlier this week, the CDC moved Allegheny County to substantial for the current level of COVID transmission in Allegheny County ([source](#)).

On August 4, 2021, the CDC updated its guidance for K-12 schools recommending universal masking for students, staff, and visitors when indoors regardless of vaccination status ([source](#)). In accordance with the current CDC guidance, the Avonworth District Administration will recommend universal masking for all students, staff, and visitors when indoors and for students on a school bus to begin the 2021-2022 school year. This recommendation will be made at the August 9, 2021, Avonworth School Board meeting.

If you are interested in attending the School Board meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021 (virtually or in-person), you may register online or register by calling Mrs. Cindy Donovan at 412-369-8738.

Please use this link to register online:

<https://www.avonworth.k12.pa.us/VirtualMeetingInformation.aspx>

If you are interested in making a public comment at the Board meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021, please indicate this when you register. Those wishing to make a public comment must register to do so by 5:00 PM on Monday, August 9, 2021.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Griffith, Ed.D.  
Acting Superintendent

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Assistant Superintendent