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Dear Families of the Avella Area School District,

This letter is a reminder that all Public and Private K-12 schools are currently under a mask mandate, ordered by the Secretary of the PA Department of Health.

The PA Department of Health Order does provide some exceptions to wearing the mask, throughout your child's school day. The exceptions are as follows:

- Students will be allowed mask breaks throughout their day
- Students will be allowed to remove masks to eat and drink
- Students will not need to wear a mask when they are engaged in outdoor activities, such as recess or an outdoor class
- Students will not be required to wear masks during active play indoors, such as during gym or a sporting event
- Masks will continue to be required on school transportation as this is a federal order
- Spectators are not required to wear a mask during outdoor events

Section 3 of the Mask Order from the Secretary of Health lists exemptions for students, such as a medical condition, if a mask were to exasperate a condition, mental health reasons or a disability. If you believe an exemption may apply to your child, please visit our district website, under District News, for forms to request a mask exemption. If you are unsure if your child would qualify for an exemption or you would like additional information on obtaining an exemption to the masking mandate, please contact your child's building principal.

Included with this communication is a Close Contact Quarantine Recommendation Flowchart, which the district follows when an exposure to Covid-19 occurs.

Thank You,

Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Avella Area School District