



Minersville Area School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians, Faculty, Students, and Staff,

As a follow-up to the mask notification that was sent out on Sunday, December 12, 2021, I want to keep you apprised of our plans moving forward. With the rising numbers of COVID cases county-wide, the Pandemic Team stands in agreement to maintain our current school mandate of wearing face masks during school hours in all school buildings.

The goal of this initiative is to keep our students and staff healthy and *in school*. Although the state mask mandate was overruled, the guidance from the PA Department of Health remains in place. Therefore, we are still obligated to complete contact tracing and follow quarantine guidelines as previously set forth. The use of masks is one of our best defenses against increased quarantines within the school. As of now, exposures have been limited to lunch periods as the only time students are without masks. This has kept our quarantines within reason and prevented school shutdowns. Without masks, quarantines will multiply due to various classroom exposures throughout the day.

We will continue to work as a team in monitoring the daily COVID situation within the Minersville Area School District while keeping the students' education at the forefront of all decision-making. Please remember that although COVID is present in our community, so too are the common cold and flu viruses. We ask you to please keep sick children home to limit the spread of all illnesses.

With the support of families, we can continue the learning process and uphold the emotional well-being of our students.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Carl G. McBreen, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
MINERSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT