



DANIEL BOONE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Blazer Learning Community Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver(s),

Pennsylvania (PA) Governor Tom Wolf and administration officials announced a new [order](#) at a news conference on *COVID-19 and the schools* at approximately 2:10 p.m. today, Tuesday, August 31, 2021 that [face coverings/masks](#) will now be required in all Pennsylvania K-12 schools. This requisite reverses the Governor's prior course and shows the PA Department of Health's (PA DoH) support for the strong recommendation made previously by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA-HAN) relative to universal face coverings/masking; through ordering a mandate, further understanding the importance that our learners remain in an in-person instructional environment.

The PA DoH [order](#) will take effect Tuesday, September 7, 2021; upon return from the labor day break, requiring students, teachers and staff, and community to wear [face coverings/masks](#) when inside our school buildings. The [face covering/mask order](#) will apply to both public as well as private schools and will also apply to childcare facilities.

The Daniel Boone Area School District (DBASD) Board of School Directors (BOSD) approved [Blazer Learning Community \(HSP\)](#); at this time, will **not** be updated to reflect this new [order](#), as the new [order](#) supersedes BOSD policy related to [face coverings/masks](#). The [HSP](#) will be updated to reflect this new [order](#) at a subsequent BOSD meeting. [FAQ's](#) can be accessed via the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) website.

If students, staff, or community find themselves in a position where they may have been exposed to COVID-19, necessitating a test, the time to notify your [school nurse](#) or building administration is at the time the test is requested and NOT after results are acquired.

If a student, staff, or community member is exhibiting any symptoms of illness, that student or staff should not come to school and community member should not enter District buildings. Students who are asymptomatic or feeling well enough, or are recommended to quarantine as a result of COVID-19 exposure, are still able to continue with classwork remotely through our DBDL platform to avoid falling behind when they are unable to attend school in-person.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health, with the assistance of the Daniel Boone Area School District, will continue to notify those recommended to quarantine as the result of COVID-19 exposure while in District buildings.

The DBASD wants to remind everyone to continue the practices of social distancing where feasible, wear [face coverings/masks](#) as [ordered](#) and strongly recommended by the CDC, AAP

and PA-HAN, as well as frequent hand washing. Students, staff and community are asked to continue to monitor their health. If your child(ren) has any of these symptoms, please contact your medical provider.

- Temperature of 100.4 or higher – Fever – Chills – Cough - Shortness of breath - Difficulty breathing – Fatigue - Muscle or body aches - Loss of taste and/or smell - Sore throat - Congestion or runny nose – Vomiting - Diarrhea

More information on the symptoms of COVID-19 can be found at [PA Department of Health](#) or at [the Center of Disease Control and Prevention](#). Additionally, please continue to frequently access our district's [COVID-19](#) page for information and updates.

Parents/guardians/caregivers are encouraged to reach out to your child's building principal to discuss additional options s/he may be able to provide relative to an instructional environment that would best suit the needs of your child's and family's particular situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brett A. Cooper".

Brett A. Cooper, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools