



# DANIEL BOONE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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December 12, 2021

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

This letter is to share the most recent update to the [face covering/mask order](#) whereas, the DBASD BOSD approved [HSP](#) had been revised on 9-14-21 to reflect the [face covering/mask order](#); however, the language referenced in section *3.a.* of the chart included in the [HSP](#) related to *Universal and correct wearing of masks*, indicating that *the school district will follow all Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DoH) mandates in regards to Masking.*

With the current language in the [HSP](#), referencing *follow all mandates*, and the mandate had been declared *unenforceable* by a Commonwealth Court panel on Wednesday, November 10, 2021; however, appealed by the Governor it had been considered a [stay](#).

On Tuesday, November 16, 2021 a Commonwealth Court additional issued [order](#) and [opinion](#) ending the [face covering/mask](#) mandate effective Saturday, December 4, 2021 had been updated on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 with the [latest ruling](#) indicating that Pennsylvania schools must maintain the [face covering/mask order](#) until the Pennsylvania (PA) Supreme Court heard oral arguments on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

On Friday, December 10, 2021 the PA Supreme Court ruled that the mask mandate requiring [face coverings/masks](#) in the Commonwealth's K-12 Public Schools is not valid; therefore, with the current language in the DBASD BOSD approved [HSP](#), referencing *follow all mandates*, and the mandate has now been declared *not valid* by the PA Supreme Court, [face coverings/masks](#) are; once again, optional in District buildings.

As a gentle reminder, [face coverings/masks](#) continue to remain a requisite on [public conveyances](#) (e.g. District transportation).

**As a continued reminder, 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; and choose to do so within the scope of our *Blazer Learning Community* [HSP](#), as a result of COVID-19 exposure, are still able to continue with classwork remotely through our DBDL platform to avoid falling behind should they choose to or be unable to attend school in-person.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health, (PA DoH) with the assistance of the DBASD 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 and 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 DoH](#) 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. Also, I encourage you to access our [District website](#) often, where you can access not only District-level information, but specific District building information as well.

Parents/guardians/caregivers are encouraged to continue reaching 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