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Dear Parents and Guardians:

On Tuesday, August 31, an Order was issued by Alison Beam, Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, requiring face coverings in school entities beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2021. As per the Order, "each teacher, child/student, staff, or visitor working, attending, or visiting a School Entity shall wear a face covering indoors, regardless of vaccination status." Regardless of whether the Acting Secretary's August 31, 2021 Order is reflected in a school's Health and Safety Plan, all school entities must comply with and enforce the Order.

Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center will comply with the Order beginning on Tuesday, September 7, 2021; therefore, all teachers, students, staff, and visitors are required to wear a face covering when inside any CTC buildings regardless of vaccination status, subject to certain exceptions contained in the Order.

A face covering means covering of the nose and mouth with material that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. A face covering can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen. A face covering may be factory-made, sewn by hand or be improvised from household items, including, but not limited to scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. An alternative to a face covering may include a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth, extends below the chin and to the ears and leaves no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece.

Face covering breaks will occur throughout each session a student will spend at the CTC when working/learning indoors. Face coverings, however, are not required when a student is participating in an activity or lesson that occurs outdoors at the CTC.

To read this entire Order, please click [here](#).

As always, we appreciate your support and cooperation during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Jason B. Lucia  
Administrative Director