



Conestoga Valley School District
2110 Horseshoe Road
Lancaster, PA 17601
November 10, 2021



CV Community –

As many of you are aware, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania has reached a decision regarding the mask order issued by the Acting Secretary of Health, dated August 31, 2021. Per the Court's ruling, as of today, and more practically, as our students come to school tomorrow, the wearing of masks in school buildings will be optional. **The wearing of masks on busses will still be mandatory**, but once off the bus, the wearing of masks will be optional. We will continue to follow our Health and Safety Plan, dated July 30, 2021.

Similar to how we started the year with local control, no one will be criticized for wearing or for not wearing a mask while in CV school buildings; it is the choice of each individual student and family. However, please keep in mind that part of the Board-approved plan included mitigation efforts (mandatory wearing of masks for ten days at a specific school) should our numbers of active cases at that specific school reach a set threshold. As of today, no schools are at their respective threshold.

Much to my chagrin, and just so no one is caught off-guard, it is also my understanding that we may not have heard the last of the mask issue. There may be an appeal by the Governor of the decision to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. We will continue to share information as it becomes available.

Regardless of what might happen, as of today, the bottom line for us is as follows:

- CV will continue to follow its Health and Safety Plan.
- Masks will be optional in all CV buildings.
- Masks will be mandatory on all district transportation.
- Masks will only be mandatory in buildings for a period of ten (10) days *only if* that building's number of active cases reaches its respective threshold.

Your continued support of our students and educators as we work through this unprecedented time is greatly appreciated!

Dave Zuilkoski, EdD
Superintendent