



# BETHEL PARK

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 22, 2021

Dear Bethel Park School District Families,

***Re: Health & Safety Plan Changes***

The Bethel Park Board of School Directors recently revised the School District's [Health & Safety Plan](#). Under the amended plan, Bethel Park School District will **continue to require universal masking for all individuals in our facilities and structures regardless of vaccination status, while Allegheny County remains at the high or substantial level of community transmission of the coronavirus**, as [defined by the Allegheny County Health Department](#). Should the county's community spread levels dip to moderate or low for at least one week, masks would then become optional.

The well-being of our families and staff continues to be our top priority. We remain committed to providing the quality of in-person education our families have come to expect. We can confidently state that our vigilant adherence to [the mitigation strategies outlined in our Health & Safety Plan](#) has allowed us to keep our schools open for in-person instruction. We also encourage eligible families to take advantage of the break to get your children vaccinated, as we understand that the more inoculated students and staff we have, the greater flexibility we can have with regard to mask-wearing and other mitigation efforts.

Thank you, once again, for your patience and understanding as we navigate this complicated and evolving landscape. We will continue to monitor conditions, [both locally and nationally](#), making any necessary adjustments when the circumstances warrant them and based on the guidance we receive from public health and safety agencies.

Sincerely,

James Walsh, Ed.D.  
Superintendent, Bethel Park School District