



BETHEL PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 11, 2021

Dear Families,

Re: Clarified Safe Operation of Schools Guidance from CDC

On Friday, the District sent out a letter outlining the Pennsylvania Department of Education's (PDE) recent announcement that going forward, it will rely entirely on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for its health and safety guidance.

The CDC's current guidance for the safe operation of schools includes the provision that anyone who is unvaccinated, including all children under the age of 12, should wear a face mask when inside District facilities. However, it is important to note that the CDC guidance includes recommendations, not mandates. Accordingly, the District will make the wearing of masks indoors a recommendation, not a requirement, for those who remain unvaccinated.

Sincerely,

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