

January 3, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year! I wish each of you health and happiness in 2022.

Over the winter break, several COVID protocols were announced by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Most significant was PA DoH alert <u>PA-HAN 615</u> on December 30, 2021.

- This guidance replaces PA-HAN 607 and provides clarification on isolation and quarantine recommendations for persons exposed to SARS-CoV-2.
- Persons who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 5 days. If after 5 days, the patient is asymptomatic or has resolving symptoms, their isolation period is over but must be fever free for 24 hours; however, they should still wear a mask around others until day 10.
- Persons who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and have received a booster vaccine or are within 6 months of receiving their primary vaccine series should wear a **mask** around others for 10 days, but do not need to quarantine.
- All exposed persons regardless of vaccination should test on Day 5 if possible.

At this time, there are no changes to our COVID mask protocols. The **district continues to strongly recommend** individuals who are not vaccinated wear a mask or face covering in school.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and support. Please contact the building principal with any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Washington

Superintendent of Schools