

December 13, 2021

Dear CACS Families,

On Friday, December 10, the PA Supreme Court struck down the mask mandate that was imposed on September 7, 2021 by Order of the Acting Secretary of Health. In short, the masking mandate inside school buildings has been declared invalid by the Supreme Court and is no longer in effect.

With the end of the masking order, masking decisions revert to the local school district level. As so, CACS has returned to its pre-mandate policy which allows families to choose what is best for their student. Effective today, Monday, December 13, masks will be voluntary for all staff and students. This policy will apply during the school day as well as events happening in the school after hours. Please note: Masks remain required on all school buses and vans per federal requirements.

CACS encourages families to institute masking or non-masking with their students as they see fit. We are committed to maintain a safe, comfortable environment in which students will learn and thrive regardless of each families' stance on this issue.

Please understand this policy may change at any time as circumstances continue to evolve. The Administration is monitoring the situation closely. Masking may be reinstated for short periods of time if we experience an outbreak of positive cases among students and staff. To date, we have had very low numbers with no new cases in the school building during the past 8 weeks. Our best defense is still your help in keeping students at home when they are symptomatic in order to minimize the spread of all germs. Please continue to utilize the CACS Student Symptom Screening Tool (available on the website) and seek the appropriate medical attention when required.

At this point, all quarantine guidelines remain the same. Unmasked students and staff will be required to quarantine in close contact situations where vaccinated students and staff may not have to quarantine. We will notify you of any new guidance as it becomes available.

We appreciate your ongoing cooperation, patience, support, and prayers as we navigate through the never-ending changes during these unprecedented times. As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any question or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Manno
CACS Administrator