



Roberto Clemente Charter School

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MEMO: Mandatory Face Covering Required in ALL Roberto Clemente Charter School (RCCS) Property

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To: RCCS employees, students and visitors

As you know, the health and safety of Pennsylvania's school communities is top priority, and the guidance released to support and maintain the health and safety of school communities is rooted in science, data, and research. As more data and research becomes available, the information that becomes guidance must evolve – something that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Department of Health (DOH) has shared with us since they began releasing reopening guidance.

Last week, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released an update to their guidance strongly recommending children age two and older should wear face coverings at all times to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Prior guidance released by PDE in collaboration with the Pennsylvania DOH stated students in schools could remove their face coverings as long as six feet of social distancing could be maintained. Given this recent change from the AAP, and consistent with the Secretary of Health's Face Covering Order issued on July 1, 2020, ***DOH is requiring students wear face coverings at all times while in school, even when six feet of social distancing can be achieved.*** There are limited exceptions. This mandate is also a requirement for staff and visitors.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL persons entering Roberto Clemente Charter School (RCCS) property MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES.

Staff with designated offices/areas may remove face covering **as long as access to their designated offices/areas are marked off as "Restricted Access" to that individual only.** Meetings or in-person interactions must occur out of that "Restricted" Areas and partake in communal meeting areas where face coverings are required at all times.

Visit the PDE's Answers to FAQs on Face Coverings/Masks webpage for more information.

Sincerely,

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