



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

REGIONAL SCHOOL

September 6, 2021

+ Dear Parents and Guardians ,

Last week the Pennsylvania Governor and The Department of Health announced a Mandatory Mask Order for all school entities beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2021. As you know the order was mandated based on the fact that all 67 counties in Pennsylvania are reporting High or a Substantial numbers of cases of Covid-19 due to this highly aggressive delta variant. This fact and the knowledge that our children represent a large number of the population that is unable to be vaccinated at this time warranted this response by the Department of Health.

As always the health and safety of our students, families, staff, and faculty remain a high priority. It is our hope that with the Covid protocol we already have in place, combined with this Order Lourdes will be able to minimize if not eliminate, the need for student and faculty quarantines because of possible in-school exposures. We are confident that Our Lady of Lourdes' compliance with this face covering Order will help assist us in continuing regular school operations and having the students attend in-person classes this year.

It is an expectation that all students, staff and faculty will wear a face mask regardless of vaccination status. As our Superintendent, Mr. Daniel Breen, stated in his letter coverings **will not be worn** during:

- Physical education classes /Instrumental Classes
- Athletic practices and games
- Outdoors for recess while practicing social distancing
- While eating or drinking

However, in order for a student, faculty or staff member to be exempt entirely from the Order to wear a face covering, parents must provide Sr. Mary Anne (students in grades 7 through 12) or myself (students in grades Pre-K through 6) appropriate medical documentation such as a letter from your child's pediatrician. We will then keep it on file and will make the school nurse aware of this as well.

As always we are grateful for your support and cooperation in the past and now during these highly challenging times.

Sincerely,

Sr. Maureen Donati, IHM

Sr. Mary Anne Bednar, IHM