



December 12, 2021

Subject: Masks Optional in APAVTS Buildings, Required on Buses

Greetings, Admiral Peary Vocational-Technical School Families,

On Friday, December 10th, the PA Supreme Court affirmed the order of the PA Commonwealth Court which had vacated the Face Covering mandate issued by the PA Department of Health in August. **Therefore, starting Monday, 12/13, although recommended, masks are optional in all Admiral Peary Vocational-Technical School buildings and classrooms. However, masks remain mandatory on all school buses** in the United States based on the federal order which remains in place until we are informed otherwise.

Please note that the quarantine guidelines are significantly stricter when students are not wearing masks. Quarantine and isolation requirements also vary when factoring vaccination status or having developed natural immunity from a documented COVID-19 infection within the past 3 months. Therefore, students and staff who wish to continue to wear masks at Admiral Peary AVTS, are welcome to do so.

Sincerely,

Andrew K. Paronish

Executive Director