

Good evening, Whitehall-Coplay School District Families,

Today, Governor Wolf, Acting Secretary Beam, and Secretary Ortega announced a [Department of Health order](#) that mandates the use of masks/face coverings inside schools and daycares effective Tuesday, September 7, 2021. On July 12, 2021, The Whitehall-Coplay Board of Education approved a [Health and Safety Plan for the 2021/2022 School Year](#). On August 9, 2021, the Board approved a revised plan. In each version of the approved plan, the plan stated that “Staff and students will comply with any federal, state, or local mandates/requirements regarding masking.” Therefore, effective September 7, 2021, the WCSD will comply with the order’s provisions issued today, August 31, 2021.

The District expects students, staff, and visitors to wear a properly fitting mask/face covering while inside WCSD buildings, regardless of vaccination status, beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Schools will have extra disposable masks on hand for those individuals who do not have a mask/face covering. Please visit the following link to the [PA Department of Education Website](#) for additional information regarding the order, including a Frequently Asked Questions page.

If you have questions, please email questions@whitehallcoplay.org.

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