

Acmetonia Elementary School

Updated Safety Guidelines: Masks & Travel

As the District returns to the hybrid model and students return to the buildings throughout the week, we wish to share with you two important recent health and safety updates from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. All staff and students in the buildings must follow the additional guidelines:

1. Masking Order: Everyone must wear a face covering over his/her nose and mouth. Under the latest universal masking order, masks are to be worn both indoors and outdoors. Face shields are no longer a substitute for masks unless wearing a cloth mask is not feasible. When in schools, scheduled mask breaks of no more than 10 minutes will be permitted when six feet of physical distancing is assured. Masks may also be removed when students are eating or drinking and at least six feet apart. Masks are also required for indoor physical activity.
2. Travel Guidance: Effective now, all students or staff members who travel out of state for more than 24 hours, for any reason other than medical purposes, has two options before he or she can return to school:
 - A negative COVID-19 test is obtained within 72 hours prior to returning to the state.
 - Anyone returning from travel should quarantine for 10 days upon his/her return to Pennsylvania with or without obtaining a COVID-19 test. A negative COVID-19 test within that period would enable the child to return to school upon receipt of the results. In summary, upon obtaining a negative test or after the 10-day quarantine period concludes, the student may return to school.

Resource: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>
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