

# Southmoreland School District



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On November 17, 2020, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Health, Dr. Rachel Levine, released new orders and requirements related to travel and masks. These efforts are in place to assist in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth.

The Southmoreland School District will continue to require face coverings in all of our facilities and on transportation. Please continue to send your child to school with an appropriate face covering. The new guidelines include requirements for wearing face coverings while engaged in physical activities, including athletic competitions. We are looking to receive additional guidance in this regard from the WPIAL, PIAA, and PDE. For more information regarding statewide changes, please refer to Pennsylvania's [Universal Face Coverings Order](#) FAQ page.

In addition to an update to the masking requirements, the new order also outlines new requirements related to traveling outside of Pennsylvania. Effective Friday, November 20, 2020, Pennsylvanians visiting other states are required to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to their return to the Commonwealth, or to quarantine for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania. This does NOT apply to people who commute to and from another state for work or for medical treatment.

Beginning Monday, November 23, 2020, if your child travels outside of Pennsylvania, they will need to either have a COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to returning to Pennsylvania, or quarantine for 14 days before returning to school. Please notify your building principal if your plans include travel outside of the state of Pennsylvania.

During any length of quarantine, whether it is because of travel or from the Department of Health, your child's absence will be excused. Please contact your child's principal or the school nurse if your child is being tested or has had close contact with someone positive for COVID-19.

The Southmoreland School is committed to a safe and appropriate educational experience and will continue to keep families informed as we navigate these challenging times. Your continued support and flexibility is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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