



September 10, 2021

In accordance with the Governor's mask mandate, Executive Order #251, school districts must require masks in school buildings for students and staff. The Order provides for certain exceptions to the mask mandate, such as being outdoors, health/medical issues, disability, while eating/drinking, physical activity, and excessive heat conditions.

In an effort to start transitioning and in anticipation for cooler weather, MASKS ARE TO BE WORN BY STUDENTS AND STAFF WHILE ENTERING/EXITING BUILDINGS. Additionally, with the anticipated weather for this time of year, and due to the vast majority of our school buildings lacking AC and increased heat within our buildings; for the week of 9/13-9/17 (the last full week of Summer) masks are recommended and encouraged but shall remain optional.

****REMINDER:*** *As per the BTPS "Safe Road Forward Plan" and NJDOE guidance, exposed students wearing masks or vaccinated are no longer considered a "close contact" and will not be subject to quarantine.*

Please refer to the [BTPS "Safe Road Forward Plan"](#) for more detailed information on State NJDOE/NJDOH/OCDOH guidance.