

Dear Coatesville Area School District,

We are eagerly preparing for the opening of school, in person, on August 30 with a normal schedule. Registration is still open for the Coatesville Cyber Academy (grades K - 12) for any of our families who are interested in cyber education.

Our School Board voted last night on updates to our Health and Safety Plan that will set masking guidelines for the start of school beginning August 25 until further notice.

The new guidelines require masks for both students and staff in our schools and buildings until further notice. Masks may be removed for outdoor recess and outdoor physical education classes. Masks will be required on school buses, and for indoor sports.

This means we will begin the school year with masks and will notify parents when transmission rates drop, and masks are no longer required. We are very pleased to be able to provide in-person instruction and look forward to a more normal school year and consistent schedule.

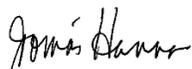
A few other important highlights from our plan:

- We will socially distance when possible.
- Masks will be available for anyone who forgets them.
- We ask that students bring refillable water bottles to school.
- Our nursing staff are ready to support our students and staff, and to assist with contact tracing. Per the CDC, contact tracing will not apply to students who are wearing masks.
- Our HVAC systems are running with new filters.
- Regular disinfection and sanitizing will continue.

We ask that you please take a few moments to read our [2021-22 School Year Frequently Asked Questions](#) that contain a lot of important information about the school year, as well as information about our bus transportation. We do anticipate buses will likely be running with some delays the first two weeks of school, as drivers and students acclimate to their routes. Thank you in advance for your patience. We have contracted with Krapf Bus to improve our scheduling this year, and our transportation department is to respond to questions and concerns.

Thank you, as always, to our parents, students, staff, and community members who support the Coatesville Area School District. We look forward to seeing our students back in our schools next week.

Sincerely,



Tomás Hanna, Superintendent