

# Centreville Public Schools

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Dear Bulldog Families,

I am sorry to inform you that we will need to change direction regarding our current practice of not requiring students in grades K-5 to wear masks while in the classroom. This practice was adopted based on recommendations by the State's Return to Learn Planning Committee and in place since school began on August 24th.

Yesterday evening, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director, Robert Gordon, issued an Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253. **This order requires the wearing of masks at schools for all grades in our Region (5).** To read more about order, please visit this link:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MDHHS\\_epidemic\\_order\\_-\\_Gatherings\\_masks\\_bars\\_sports\\_-\\_FINAL\\_704287\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MDHHS_epidemic_order_-_Gatherings_masks_bars_sports_-_FINAL_704287_7.pdf)

**Beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, October 7, students in grades K-5 will be required to wear their masks the entire school day** instead of just on buses, in hallways, in common areas, and while moving from place to place, as they have since the start of school.

Based on the feedback that I have received from staff and parents, I know that this decision will not please everyone. I am hearing regularly from both sides of the mask issue. Centreville Public Schools' position as an apolitical entity remains neutral, as it should; however, it does appear that we are caught in the middle of a political crossfire regarding this topic. Unfortunately, this back-and-forth causes confusion for our parents, and most importantly, our students.

We will comply with the current order issued by the MDHHS, and follow the guidance of the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph County Health Department. Please know that we will communicate any future updates with you as soon as we receive them. In the meantime, we are committed to putting our students first, and continuing to provide a safe, high quality education!

With Bulldog Pride,



Stephanie Lemmer  
Superintendent