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## Information for Parents

Effective May 15, 2021, Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order for the state of Maryland. The order specifies that face coverings are still **required** in Maryland for all individuals on public transportation, including school buses, and indoors in schools.

**As a result of this order, there will be no change in the masking and physical distancing requirements inside of school buildings, and on school buses. All students, staff and visitors inside of an ACPS building will be required to wear a mask and maintain physical distance.**

The Maryland Department of Health also issued the following recommendations.

1. MDH **strongly recommends** that all non-vaccinated individuals over the age of 2 years continue to wear face coverings in all indoor settings outside of their home and in outdoor settings when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
2. MDH **recommends** that staff, essential visitors and all children aged 2 years and above wear face coverings outdoors at a child care program, school, youth day camp, or summer day program, and while engaged in outdoor offsite activities (field trips) when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

After consultation with ACHD, the decision has been made that since the overwhelming majority of students are non-vaccinated, ACPS will follow the recommendations from MDH above, and that physical distancing will be maintained outdoors if students are unmasked. If physical distance is not maintained outdoors, then students must be masked.

ACPS would like to remind parents and other visitors of the MDH recommendations in regards to masking and physical distancing. Although not required, it is recommended that individuals wear a mask outdoors on school property when physical distancing cannot be maintained, particularly if the individual is not vaccinated.