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Dear EWCTC Parent/Guardian,

As you are most likely aware, on Friday, December 10, 2021, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturned the Acting Secretary of Health's school masking order. Based off of our three sending schools' (Derry Area, Greater Latrobe, and Ligonier Valley) board decisions, Eastern Westmoreland CTC will be mask optional for all learners. Masks will remain required for transportation to and from the CTC.

Please be advised that we are still obligated to follow "close contact" requirements. According to CDC guidelines, if you are wearing a mask and identified as a close contact, you do not have to quarantine unless you develop symptoms. If you choose not to wear a mask, that leaves you eligible for quarantine if identified as a close contact. Being identified as a close contact can happen multiple times to the same learner. The quarantine time is seven days pending a negative test and ten days without a test.

EWCTC recommends all learners wear a mask to prevent the disruption to education, socialization, and extracurricular activities. As a school that relies heavily on hands-on, performance-based coursework, it is imperative that our learners be present daily.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Education has recommended layered prevention strategies to help schools remain open for in-person learning. EWCTC has and will be implementing the following prevention strategies:

1. Regular self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms by all students and employees
2. Timely reporting of any communicable disease
3. Following appropriate hand hygiene protocols
4. Regular cleaning, disinfecting, or sanitizing of workspaces
5. Physical distancing (three feet when possible)
6. Ventilation
7. Staying home when sick and getting tested
8. Contact tracing, in combination with isolation and quarantine
9. Providing information for vaccination opportunities (learners age five and up are eligible for vaccinations, please consult with your primary care physician for guidance and questions)

As we move through the school year, further information will be posted on the CTC's website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Weimer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd Weimer
Administrative Director