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Dear Black Horse Pike Regional School District Caregivers, Students, and Staff:

Today, Monday, May 16, we learned of several COVID-19 outbreaks that have diminished our staff and student attendance. COVID-19 positivity rates are in "High" range in our New Jersey region and we are experiencing a heavy resurgence of positive COVID-19 cases over the weekend. The CDC is also recommending people wear a mask indoors.

Since the Governor's announcement of optional mask-wearing in early March, the Black Horse Pike Regional School District, has followed that guidance. In consultation with our school nurses, school physician, administrators, teachers, and support staff, and given the sharp increase in COVID-19 positivity rates in our schools, we are strongly recommending that all students/staff consider mask wearing while indoors and on the school bus.

Wearing a mask can help protect yourself and others, according to the CDC. The CDC publishes where the public can find free N-95 masks near us at this link, but any mask is better than no mask. The schools also have a supply of surgical masks if students or staff need one.

Face masks will be **required** for the following cases:

- During large indoor gatherings including, but not limited to, large assemblies, plays, art shows, concerts, and similar indoor gatherings;
- For individuals who are returning to school after COVID-positive isolation on days 6-10;
- As recommended by the Department of Health following an outbreak determination.

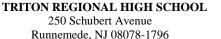
The Black Horse Pike Regional School District will continue to place the health and safety of our children and staff first. We will continue to monitor transmission rates and follow any required guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education and/or the Department of Health.

On behalf of the Black Horse Pike Regional School District, I thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

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