



Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts

Whereas, the commonwealth is experiencing its highest daily case counts since the beginning of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, resulting in increased hospitalizations, nearly 10,000 deaths, and heightened risk to the most vulnerable Pennsylvanians;

Whereas, the Wolf Administration has identified new mitigation efforts, including an attestation process for public school entities that elect to continue in-person instruction for students in counties designated as exhibiting "Substantial" transmission of COVID-19 for two or more consecutive weeks based on a disease incidence rate of 100 or more cases per 100,000 residents and/or a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) percent positivity rate of 10 percent or greater;

Whereas, as of November 23, 2020, 59 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties met one or both of these standards;

Whereas, Pennsylvania [recommends that school entities in counties with Substantial disease transmission transition to remote-only instructional models](#);

Whereas, as of November 20, 2020, many public school entities have exercised their local discretion to continue in-person instruction for all or some students;

Whereas, the resurgence of COVID-19 across the nation, region, and commonwealth requires more consistent and intensive implementation of disease mitigation efforts;

Whereas, these mitigation efforts include an attestation process for any public school entity (a "public school entity" is defined as a school district, intermediate unit, charter school, cyber charter school, or a career and technical education center) that elects to continue in-person instruction as of November 30, 2020 while the county in which it is located is under a Substantial disease transmission designation for at least two consecutive weeks; and

Whereas, this attestation process supplements and does not supplant existing public health guidance issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education;

AND NOW, THEREFORE, the president/chair of the school entity's governing board and chief school administrator, in accordance with the Order of the Secretary of Health dated November 24, 2020, entitled [Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Public School Entities in Counties with Substantial Community Transmission to Attest to Health and Safety Protocols](#), attest to one of the following (SELECT ONE OPTION):

All or some of the students within the public school entity are currently receiving in-person instruction and:

1. We have read the [Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings](#), effective November 18, 2020, including necessary exceptions and [associated guidance](#), and affirm the public school entity is complying and will continue to comply with and enforce the Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania