

## CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA MIDDLE & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Parents, Guardians & Students,

As we have navigated through this school year we have been faced with numerous challenges in the world of education, as you have experienced the same as a family unit. We thank you for your patience, understanding and willingness to cooperate as we attempt to make the best decisions for our student body and their families as a whole in day to day operations. The directions to which we have pursued have been driven by our own personal data that we have collected within the school and by utilizing the data provided by the State of Pennsylvania (<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx>).

The current data has re-identified Somerset County as being in the "moderate" phase based upon significant declining numbers of newly reported cases, incidence rate per 100,000 residents, testing positivity and hospitalizations. Much of the data indicates a half scale reduction of the data from the previous weeks. In utilizing the provided data, we have opted to move from the current hybrid model to a full population model of **face-to-face instruction beginning Monday, March 1, 2021.**

The existing guidelines share that social distancing is to be accommodated when feasible. There will be times throughout the day where social distancing of six feet will not be feasible, but will be maximized to the best of our ability with the provided space(s).

### IMPORTANT:

- The Governor's ORDER for face coverings remains in place. Appropriate face coverings **MUST** be properly worn (covering nose and mouth) at all times while on the bus, in the halls and within the classrooms. Classroom relief of face coverings will be afforded by staff members as the guidelines of the order permit. The **ONLY** exception to wearing face coverings are those who provide a **doctor's excuse** which specifically identifies that a child is exempt due to health related complications.
- **Should your child not comply to the face covering guidelines, they will be assigned to be a remote learner.**

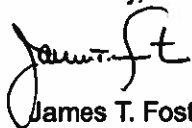
As we are all experiencing varying situations under a variety of circumstances, we will continue to afford families the opportunity for their child(ren) to continue with the full remote synchronous learning mode (for Covid based reasons). If you have the desire for your child to remain in a full synchronous learning model, please contact Mr. Foster via phone (814.479.4014) or email ([james.foster@ctasd.org](mailto:james.foster@ctasd.org)). Similarly, if you would like for your child(ren) to return to the full population model of face-to-face instruction, please notify Mr. Foster of your desires.

Please note, remaining in the full synchronous learning model disqualifies extracurricular activity participation including but not limited to dances, clubs, sports, serving as a spectator or participating in any other after hour program or activity.

**Please continue to notify the High School Office of situations where a student has been exposed to a positive Covid-19 individual, if a student is being tested for Covid-19, and/or if a student has tested positive for acquiring Covid-19.**

Thank you for your continued support throughout these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,



James T. Foster  
Conemaugh Township Middle and Senior High School Principal

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