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January 12, 2021

Dear CASA Families:

**CASA will resume the in-person hybrid model on Monday, January 25, 2021.** We are excited to welcome our students back into the building!

Below are the mitigation efforts CASA will continue to expect from students and staff members:

- **Wear a mask and maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet at all times.**
- **Avoid close contact with those outside your immediate household and limit non-essential travel and activities.**
- **Stay home when you are sick.** Watch for symptoms of COVID-19 including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.** Sing the Happy Birthday song twice to help know when it has been 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol.
- **Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then dispose of the tissue and clean your hands immediately.** If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve, not your hands, to cover coughs and sneezes.
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.**
- **If you are contacted by the Pennsylvania Department of Health please cooperate with monitoring and follow all instructions so that other people do not become sick.**

The Pennsylvania Departments of Health and Education released an updated matrix for school closures when positive cases of COVID-19 are reported. CASA will comply with the matrix below.

<u>Level of Community Transmission in the County</u>	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:
	1 student or 1 staff	2-4 students/staff in same school building	5+ students/staff in same school building
<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School does not need to close</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 3-5 days</li> <li>Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 14 days</li> <li>Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
<b>Moderate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School does not need to close</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 3-7 days</li> <li>Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 14 days</li> <li>Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
<b>Substantial†</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>Close school(s) for 3-7 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>Close school(s) for 14 days</li> </ul>

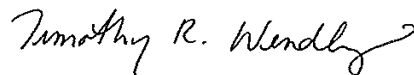
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As of November 17, 2020, the Wolf administration is requiring that travelers entering Pennsylvania from other countries and states, as well as Pennsylvanians who are returning home from other countries or states, have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth or quarantine for 10 days upon entry into Pennsylvania. If a traveler chooses to get tested upon entering the Commonwealth, or is waiting for test results, the traveler must quarantine for 10 days, or until receipt of a negative test result, whichever comes first. CASA Charter School will comply with this order and will enforce it for staff members and students. If you have plans to travel out of state, please contact the main office at 717-732-8450. More information regarding the travel order can be found at: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

On December 4, 2020, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) began providing options to shorten quarantine for people who had close contact with others diagnosed with COVID-19. The 14-day quarantine is still recommended as the best and safest option by the DOH, therefore, CASA will expect that students and staff members who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 quarantine for the complete 14 days before returning to school.

If you or any members of your household develop symptoms of COVID-19 or have symptoms that worsen, notify the Pennsylvania Department of Health immediately at 1-877-724-3258 and contact a health care provider. In addition, please contact CASA Nurse, Ann Stillwater, at [astillwater@casa-arts.org](mailto:astillwater@casa-arts.org). Please visit the [Pennsylvania Department of Health website](http://www.health.pa.gov) (www.health.pa.gov) for the latest and most accurate information about COVID-19.

Sincerely,



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CEO/Principal