

AOS 47
Airline, Dedham and Orrington School Departments



Dear Airline, Dedham and Orrington Families,

May 18, 2021

Let us start by saying thank you for all you have done this year to allow us to maximize our students' learning. This has been a difficult year for everyone and our ability to work together and support each other is what has made it successful for our students. AOS 47 continues to adapt our protocols and procedures to follow CDC Guidelines and safety protocols. The Maine Department of Education has just recently issued an update of the Guidelines & Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for schools that will go into effect for AOS 47 on Wednesday, May 19th:

- *Masks continue to be required at all times indoors, unless eating.
- *Masks must be worn on buses.
- * All outdoor activities (including recess, outdoor classes, audience members, athletics) may occur without masks or physical distancing except for eating, singing and playing wind instruments (6 foot distancing is required for these activities).
- *Adults at a.m. dropoff and p.m. pick up outdoors will have the option of not wearing a mask.
- * Students at recess and taking mask breaks will be able to interact without their masks.
- *PE students will be able to participate in outside classes without masks.
- *Physical distancing of 3 feet is still required for all indoor activities, except when eating. 6 feet distancing is still required while eating inside or outside.

We are aware that while many requirements have been changed or removed, such as no masks required outside, some students and parents may be more comfortable continuing to wear their masks. We will continue to support those who make that decision. We have followed the Maine Department of Education's Standard Operating Procedure & Guidance all year and will continue to do so following the updates and implementing the changes. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your school's main office or the central office.

Sincerely,

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