



Springport Public Schools



Providing every student with a quality education is a priority and the focus of all we do.

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REF: Executive Order 2020-185

Dear Springport Families and Community Members,

On Friday, September 25, 2020 Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-185 directing that all K-12 students wear face coverings while attending in person classes. Executive Order 185 takes effect on Monday, October 5, 2020. Previously, Executive Order 2020-142 mandated that students in grades K-5 had to wear a face covering only “when on a school bus...[and] when in indoor hallways and common areas.”

In issuing Executive Order 2020-185 the governor stated: ***It is now crystal clear that COVID-19 can be deadly to younger children, and that children who become infected at school can pass the virus to their parents, leading to community spread. In the absence of a widespread vaccine, wearing a covering over the nose and mouth remains the most effective tool to combat the spread of COVID-19, both in schools and the wider community.***

Given the higher incidence of cases among children in recent months, and the clear effectiveness of masking as a mitigation strategy, requiring the use of masks in the classroom even for younger students is a reasonable and necessary requirement in Regions at Phase 4 of the MI Safe Start Plan.”

With an abundance of caution for the health and wellbeing of our students, our employees and the whole of the Springport community, Springport Public Schools is obligated to follow the Governor’s executive order to require students in grades K-12 attending in-person instruction to wear a face covering as a precaution to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

If Executive Order 185 prompts you to consider the virtual learning option for your children please contact elementary principal Tammy Kuntz at tammy.kuntz@springportschools.net or 517-857-3465 by the morning of Wednesday, September 30 for an informative discussion. Please keep in mind that you must have dependable internet for virtual learning to be successful and your children will have to continue learning virtually until the governor moves our region and school district to Phase 5.

Sincerely,

Bob Cassidy, Superintendent