



September 30, 2020

Good afternoon Ivywood families,

On September 25, 2020 Governor Whitmer signed an Executive Order **requiring K-12 students to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth**, effective October 5th. Prior orders have recommended students in grades K-5 to wear masks in the classroom but did not require it until now. [You can read the entire executive order here.](#)

Effective October 5, all students will be required to wear masks in classrooms (face shields are not permitted per the return to school road map). Masks will not be required to be worn while eating lunch, at recess, or during P.E. We will also do our best to give students mask breaks throughout the day, so long as these breaks align with current executive orders. Additionally, we are grateful for our outdoor spaces where students can safely play and learn while breathing fresh air.

We understand that this recent Executive Order does cause concern for some families and we share your concern. If your child has a medical excuse in writing from a medical doctor qualified to provide the exemption, please bring a copy of that documentation to the main office.

We are committed to providing a safe learning environment for our school community. We have the utmost trust in our staff and students to continue supporting each other throughout this school year.

We appreciate your partnership and commitment to your child's education.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Kooiker
Ivywood Classical Academy Principal