



Important Message from Kristen Bishop, Head of School

November 20, 2020

Dear Avon Grove Charter School Families,

I am writing to you to provide you an update from our board meeting held this week, regarding COVID-19. The AGCS board voted on Tuesday, November 17th, to stay the course and **continue in-person, hybrid instruction after the return from Thanksgiving break on November 30th.**

The Chester County numbers below show a continued increase in incidence and positivity rates.

The Health Department [revised their guidance](#) to allow schools to use the data as a guide in combination with factors including the number of COVID-19 cases and/or outbreaks in our schools, evidence of transmission within our schools, staffing levels, and adherence to preventive measures, etc. prior to any instructional change.

Thankfully, we continue to see no evidence of transmission in schools, and we have been able to accommodate all substitute needs thus far. For those reasons, at this time, all elementary and secondary schools will remain open. While we will continue to adhere to our health and safety plan please remember that **families have the choice to switch to the virtual option at any time.** We will continue to evaluate our unique situation and prioritize the health and safety of our entire school community in our decision-making.

[Additional targeted mitigation efforts and guidance](#) were also released by the Governor's office and PA Department of Health this week. One important new guidance recommendation that families should pay close attention to is the revision of the PA Travel Restrictions.

The PA Department of Health [issued an order](#) requiring **anyone who visits from another state to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the commonwealth.**

If someone cannot get a test or chooses not to, they must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvanians visiting other states are required to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to their return to the commonwealth or to quarantine for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania.

Avon Grove Charter School expects that all families and staff adhere to these travel restrictions upon our return from the Thanksgiving Holiday break.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we continue to deal with the complexities of COVID-19.

Stay safe,

Kristen Bishop