Shenango Area School District Return to School FAQ #1

Is my child required to wear a face covering?

Yes. The PA Department of Health currently requires everyone to wear masks while in public places, including at K-12 schools. The PA Department of Education guidelines for returning to school also calls for all students and staff to wear a face covering (either a mask or shield). If and when we receive new guidance from the Department of Health, we will update our return to school plan.

Will the school district provide face coverings for students?

We are asking parents to send their child to school with an appropriate face covering. Students and staff can choose between a facemask or a face shield, but will be required to wear one or the other. In the event the child forgets or does not have one, we will have disposable masks and/or face shields available.

Will students be permitted to bring their own water bottle to school?

Yes. Water bottles should be clearly marked with the student's name on it and in the original container. We have touchless refillable water stations at the high school and elementary school so students can refill their water bottles.

Does the Governor's Order of only 25 people for indoor events affect school?

"The Orders do not affect classroom settings but do restrict school activities outside of the classroom that are not related to educational instruction. School activities and gatherings not related to educational instruction that are held indoors are limited to no more than 25 people. This includes meetings, assemblies, etc. Activities and gatherings held outdoors are limited to no more than 250 people." <u>www.pennlive.com</u>

What will the elementary student drop-off/pick-up look like?

The elementary school will utilize a mobile app called School Dismissal Manager. The app will notify the office upon arrival and students will be escorted to the parent's vehicle. Parents will no longer enter the elementary school to pick up their child. More details will be forthcoming.

