



## YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

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Dear York Tech Parent/Guardian & Student,

As part of the York County School of Technology ("YCST") Health and Safety Plan for the 2020-2021 school year, all students and staff members will be required to wear face coverings while on school property at all times unless an accommodation has been granted by the administration of that requirement. This face covering requirement is to comply with the recent PA Department of Health order, (August 17, 2020) and to ensure the safety and well-being of students, faculty and staff while at school.

The only exceptions to the face covering requirement are:

- Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; or
- When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task; or
- At least 6 feet apart during teacher designated "face-covering breaks" to last no longer than 10 minutes.

On the first day of school, YCST will be providing each student with a free, washable face mask that can be worn in school. The face mask is green and silver and contains YCST's logo. We felt this specially designed face mask is a unique way to promote school spirit while everyone makes the collective sacrifice to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 at school.

We wanted to make you aware students' face coverings worn at school will be subject to the student dress code. YCST's student dress code requires students to wear school-approved spirit wear, which is devoid of messaging. Therefore, students will **not** be permitted to wear any face coverings with writing, logos or other expressive messages – with the exception of the YCST provided face mask. Students may wear face masks that are solid colors, patterns or prints, so long as they do not contain any messaging. This face covering rule is consistent with the current dress code requirements for students while at school.

Students who do not comply with the face covering requirement and/or the safety protocols will not be allowed to physically attend YCST and will be enrolled in virtual learning.

If you have any questions regarding the rules about the face covering requirements for students, please do not hesitate to contact an administrator to discuss them at 717-741-0820, Ext. 4999.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Thomas".

David W. Thomas  
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