

## **BASD Mask Use Criteria**

Federal law requires students wear masks on school buses as they are a form of public transportation. This is mandatory at **ALL** Levels of community transmissions.

Mask use inside of schools is highly recommended by the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the PA Department of Health. BASD strongly encourages students and staff to wear masks inside our school buildings.

The mandatory use of face coverings for students will be implemented if legally mandated by an Order of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, PDE, or other legal order.

Should Community transmission of the Covid 19 virus increase to the substantial or high level according to the new CDC guidelines and/or spread within the schools, the district may make masks mandatory, to protect both students and staff from infection and transmission.

### **PA DOH Definition of COVID 19 School Outbreak:**

2 or more cases among students/staff without other identified epidemiological linkages, with onset within 14 days in a single classroom or core group (team, band)

### **Mask Use Will be mandated for 15 days in the District if any of the following criteria are met:**

2 classes/groups with identified outbreak in a 14 day window

2.5% of students/staff with confirmed cases in a school building, in a 14 day window

Community Spread is High - >10% positivity rate or total new cases  $\geq$  100 per 100,000 people

**Following the 15 day period, masks will no longer be mandated should conditions improve, but will remain in effect if they do not.**