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Dear ACPS Parents, Students, and Staff,

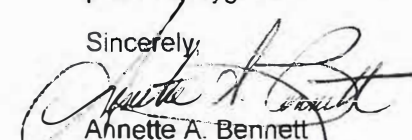
In response to the increased transmission of COVID-19 in our state, Governor Northam has announced amendments to Executive Orders 67 and 63, increasing the restrictions on private and government activities. Executive Order 63 requires that all individuals age 5 and older wear a face covering as described and recommended by the CDC when entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time inside buildings. This will require our students and staff to wear face coverings while inside our classrooms, even when they are socially distanced.

The requirement to wear a face covering **does not** apply to the following:

1. While eating or drinking;
2. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
3. Any person who is playing a musical instrument, when wearing a mask or face covering would inhibit the playing of the instrument (e.g. wind instrument), if at least 10 feet of physical distancing can be maintained from other persons, whether the rehearsal or performance is indoors or outdoors.
4. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance;
5. Any person seeking to communicate with the hearing impaired and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
6. When temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to secure government or medical services;
7. Persons with health conditions or disabilities that prohibit wearing a face covering. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a face covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Adaptations and alternatives for individuals with health conditions or disabilities should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask or to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.

ACPS will allow staggered, short-term mask breaks throughout the school day. We will teach and encourage our students to follow this order and continue to implement other mitigation strategies including cleaning, physical distancing, and promoting safe personal hygiene.

Sincerely,



Annette A. Bennett
Division Superintendent