

The Pennsylvania State Department of Health (PA DOH) issued a mask mandate for all schools, Pre-K Counts programs, Head Start, Early Intervention, and Family Centers which became effective on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. The mandate requires that every teacher, child/student, staff or visitor working, attending or visiting one of the above entities shall wear a face covering indoors regardless of vaccination status with the following exceptions;

The exceptions that apply to preschool include the following:

- If wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability.
- If an individual is communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired or has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- If the individual is under two (2) years of age.
- If an individual is engaged in an activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask, such as eating or drinking.
- If outdoors – masks are not required outdoors.

The health and safety of our children and staff are of the utmost importance to CenClear. Philosophical reasons, disagreeing with wearing a mask, etc. are not considered valid exceptions for wearing a mask.

**The only exception to wearing a mask is a medical reason.**

**If an individual has a medical reason for not wearing a mask, please submit medical documentation from the individual's doctor. It must be on medical provider letterhead and signed by the doctor.**