



Venango Technology Center
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The Acting Secretary of the Department of Health, Alison Beam, issued a mask mandate that includes all public and private schools in the state of Pennsylvania, including Career and Technology Centers. This mandate requires that all students, staff, and visitors to the building must wear a mask beginning September 7, 2021. This mandate does allow us the flexibility to remove the mask when socially distanced outside, or whenever it presents a safety risk while inside the building. The Centers for Disease Control guidance adds the following exception for what is considered to be a close contact for quarantine purposes while a student is in school: *"In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3-6 feet of an infected student if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time."* By wearing a mask, this exemption will reduce the number of students that need to quarantine due to a COVID-19 exposure. We appreciate your support in helping us to keep our VTC students safe and in school, were we all want to be!

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