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Charter Arts Community,

Based upon recent updated guidance from both the CDC and our local Bethlehem Health Bureau, Charter Arts will move to MASK OPTIONAL for students, employees, and visitors effective Monday, March 7, 2022.

As we have mentioned in previous communications, the majority of our students come to Charter Arts from Northampton and Lehigh Counties. When searching for these counties using the link provided below on the CDC website, both Northampton and Lehigh Counties are in the Medium phase of community spread. Our Certified School Nurse will continue to be in close communication with the Bethlehem Health Bureau and IU20, and we reserve the right to require mask wearing again in the future if cases increase or if a new variant presents itself.

Students, employees, and visitors should continue to use our daily symptom screener and stay home if sick. We will continue to implement our Testing-to-Stay in schools pilot as that has been going well for us so far this year and offers another layer of mitigation.

Should you have any questions, please contact nurse@charterarts.org.

Best,



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[CDC Covid-19 by County Updated 2.25.22](#)

| Low | Medium | High |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines Get tested if you have symptoms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines Get tested if you have symptoms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a mask indoors in public Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines Get tested if you have symptoms Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness |
| <p>People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.</p> | | |

Mission Statement

The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts provides a unique environment that fosters a creative, rigorous academic approach to learning and a development of talents in the arts. Built on passion, discipline and a commitment to excellence, this integrative educational experience inspires all students to believe in who they are and in what they can accomplish.