



COLUMBIA-MONTOUR

Area Vocational-Technical School

5050 Sweppenheiser Dr. • Bloomsburg, PA 17815-8920 • www.cmvf.us • Ph: (570) 784-8040 • Fax: (570) 784-3565

Ken Kryder
Administrative Director

Dear CMAVTS Families,

I hope you had a wonderful summer. We have been busy preparing for the upcoming school year, and I wanted to provide you with some important information for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

As students prepare for the first day of school, I would like to remind you that the **CDC has issued an order** that requires face masks to be worn by all passengers and drivers on public transportation, including school buses, regardless of vaccination status. Therefore, **ALL students should be prepared to wear masks while on school buses.**

On Tuesday, July 19, the CMAVTS Joint Operating Committee approved the Health and Safety Plan Summary for the upcoming 21/22 school year. A copy of the Health and Safety Plan is on the [CMAVTS website](#) under the COVID-19 tab. In addition, all future COVID-19 updates and information will be placed on the website.

On August 5, 2021, the CDC provided updated guidance on COVID-19 prevention in K-12 Schools. The CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. **CMAVTS will follow mandates, so masking at this time will be voluntary. CMAVTS strongly encourages each member of the Ram Community to review the [CDC recommendations](#) and make your own determination concerning masks based on what is best for you and your family.**

CMAVTS is committed to in-person learning to best serve our students. The recommendations of the CDC are efforts to keep people safe and healthy. **CMAVTS will do its part by following the physical distancing recommendations to the greatest extent possible and layering multiple strategies to keep the school safe and help mitigate the spread of COVID -19.** Screening, ventilation, handwashing, respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, cleaning and disinfection are essential layers of prevention that CMAVTS will use to keep the school safe.

CMAVTS is asking students, faculty, and staff to do their part and self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms using the screening tool in Skyward; stay home if you are sick. CMAVTS will also continue temperature checks upon arrival.

I am very excited to start the 2021-2022 school year and see our students return to full in-person instruction. The Ram Community did a great job last year, and I know this year will be even better.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday!

Ken Kryder