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PAFP expresses support for school mask mandate

(HARRISBURG, Pa. August 31, 2021) The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP), today, expressed support for Pennsylvania Health Secretary Alison Beam and Gov. Tom Wolf's announcement mandating universal masking in K-12 schools across the state.

"Based on the current high levels of community spread of COVID-19, today's decision by Sec. Beam and Gov. Wolf is timely and appropriate," PAFP President Tiffany Leonard, MD, said.

The CDC has recommended that masks be worn in schools regardless of vaccination status and evidence suggests that masks do help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The most important issue is keeping our children healthy and in the classroom."

The PAFP encourages patients to consult their family physician should they have questions or concerns about COVID-19 and the COVID-19 vaccine.

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