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Dear Somerset CTC Families:

As you know the PA Department of Health has issued an order that mandates masks for all K-12 schools in Pennsylvania beginning on September 7, 2021. The order can be found at the following link:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Diseases%20and%20Conditions/Order%20of%20the%20Acting%20Secretary%20Directing%20Face%20Coverings%20in%20Schools.pdf>

Somerset CTC staff requests your patience and understanding during these turbulent times. The goal is to continue with in-person instruction for the entire 2021-22 school year. The order requires individuals to wear face coverings while in the building and on busses. While the Order decreases the isolation guidelines for students it also offers exemptions to the face covering requirement.

If you are requesting your child to be exempt from wearing a face covering during the school day, please complete the following form. Please complete one form for each child.

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Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Area: \_\_\_\_\_

I request my child be exempt from wearing a mask during school hours due to qualifying for one of the eligible exceptions via Section 3 of the Order by the Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health directing face coverings in school entities dated September 2, 2021.

In requesting this exemption for my child, I am recognizing that my child may be at an increased risk of exposure to and/or contracting COVID-19.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_