Egg Harbor Township Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope this letter finds you and your family doing well and remaining healthy. In an effort to maintain the health and safety for both our students and staff, beginning the week of February 15, 2021, the Egg Harbor Township School District will NOT accept neck gaiters as an approved mask or personal protective equipment (PPE). While neck gaiters are often used in our community and widely acceptable indoors, both CDC (NJDOH) guidelines warn that neck gaiters may not be an acceptable solution for a mask to protect against the spread of the coronavirus. Over the course of the past few months we have also noticed that neck gaiters are oftentimes difficult to keep up over an individual's mouth and nose, and are even more difficult to determine if they have the proper layers (at least two layers or folded over) to provide adequate protection. Because of our internal review and analysis, and suggested best practices, the Egg Harbor Township School District will no longer allow students or staff to use neck gaiters while on campus.

As a district we want to protect both our students and staff and do our part to stop the spread. Therefore, each staff member and student was provided a district issued face mask. Should your child be participating in-person for hybrid instruction, and has not received their district issued and approved face mask, please contact your child's building principal.

Resources:
#EHTReady Face Mask Protocols
CDC: Your Guide to Masks
CDC: Considerations for Wearing Masks

Respectfully,

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Superintendent