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Bogen Statement on State's Announcement of School Masking Requirement

PITTSBURGH – Dr. Debra Bogen, Director of the Allegheny County Health Department, provided the following statement following the state's announcement that it will implement a school masking requirement effective on September 7:

"Over the past few weeks and months, we have urged school districts to follow the CDC guidelines to require masking in schools. We have been fortunate that 26 of our districts have put full mandates in place and another six have some hybrid requirement.

"In the last month, we have seen increasing cases of COVID-19 among children, especially those who are not yet eligible for vaccination. Today's action by the state ensures that we are all taking the appropriate steps to protect our children while also providing for reasonable exceptions. I wholeheartedly support them in this decision and thank them for taking this step."

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