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Department of Education Announces All Required Schools Have Completed Attestation Forms This Week

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced today that all public-school entities in Pike, Sullivan, and Wayne counties have submitted their attestation forms to the department. The counties have been in the [substantial level of community transmission for two consecutive weeks](#) and the schools had until today to provide the form.

As of today, every K-12 public school entity in all 66 counties in substantial have complied and by doing so commit to following the [DOH face covering order](#) and [DOH guidance on how to handle confirmed cases in buildings](#).

“It is imperative that PA schools continue their efforts to curtail the spread of COVID-19,” said Acting Secretary of Education Noe Ortega. “I strongly urge students, educators, and families to follow the orders and guidelines we have put in place in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Health.”

While PDE recommends fully remote learning for school entities in substantial, the attestation form creates a path for those that want to continue to provide any in-person instruction. Cameron County is the only county not in the substantial level of community transmission.

Since the beginning of the school year, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has developed and shared health and safety guidelines, tools, and recommendations with school communities. [This information is publicly available on PDE's website](#).

Anyone with a COVID-19 school or business-related safety concern should call 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

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