

January 1, 2021 District 12 Update

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*From the Desk of
Dr. Mary Henderson*



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Return to School: Monday, January 4

Next SMART Day: January 13

MLK Day, No School: Monday, January 18

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Happy New Year! I hope that your family has had time to rest, recharge and celebrate the end of 2020. We are looking forward to getting back to learning, both remotely and in person and kicking off a great 2021!

All families should expect to receive an email from their building principal tomorrow, Saturday, January 2 with reminders and information for families who are changing their learning model.

Reminders of Health Protocols

Below is a reminder of our district protocols for several situations your family may encounter. I have added dates during Winter Break that identify when a student must stay home. For example if anyone

in the household has COVID symptoms on or after December 21, they may not return to school on January 4. ***If any of these situations apply to your family, your child(red) must stay home on January 4. You will need to call the health office at your child's school to discuss your child's return to school date.***

Does this mean that if your child has a stuffy nose one day on or after December 25 you need to keep him/her home on January 4? YES! Children often exhibit very mild or even no symptoms at all. They are, however, contagious for 10 days. The only exception would be a negative COVID test or an alternative diagnosis provided in writing by your physician.

Our ability to keep students and staff safe and continue to offer in-person instruction depends on each and every family and staff member adhering to these guidelines. If you attend parties and/or large holiday gatherings, quarantine your family for 14 days. If you are not able or willing to follow these practices, wear masks when outside of your home, maintain social distancing and practice good hand washing hygiene, contact the district office so that we may move your child to remote learning. Once we return to school, the district will move children to a remote learning class if these expectations can't be met.

In addition to attaching the Considerations for Sending Your Child to School that was given to families earlier in the year, I am attaching the front and back of the daily certification form. For families joining in-person instruction for the first time as well as families who may have lost track of their tickets during the adaptive pause, you may print these and use them on January 4 (it does not need to be green).

Situation	Actions to be taken by parent
Household member has COVID-19 symptoms. ON OR AFTER 12/21	Students are required to stay home for 14 days after they are last exposed to the sick person unless an alternative diagnosis is provided by a physician or a negative test result for the sick person is provided.
Household member tests positive for COVID-19. ON OR AFTER 12/21	Students are required to stay home for 14 days after they are last exposed to the sick person and immediate notification to school.
Student tests positive for COVID-19. ON OR AFTER 12/25	Students are required to stay home for 10 days and immediate notification to school.
Student has one of the symptoms listed on the daily certification of health. ON OR AFTER 12/25	Students are required to stay home for 10 days unless an alternate diagnosis by a physician or a negative test result is provided.
Student is identified as a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. ON OR AFTER 12/21	Students are required to stay home for 14 days after they are last exposed to the sick person.

STUDENTS WHO ARE QUARANTINED OR ISOLATED FOR 10 OR 14 DAYS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE HEALTH OFFICE BY A PARENT ON THEIR FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL.

Have You Traveled, Gathered with Groups Outside of Your Household, Attended Parties, etc?

Our successful return to in-person instruction relies on families following the above guidance on illness **and** quarantining after travel and seeing people outside of your household and/or small group of individuals with whom you have seen regularly throughout the pandemic. If these situations pertain to your family, you must quarantine your student(s) for 14 days after the last contact before they return to school. When in doubt, please keep your student(s) home and call your school's health office for guidance.

Changing to Remote Learning?

If your child still has belongings at his/her school, please contact the school office to make arrangements to pick those up.

Enjoy the last weekend of Winter Break!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent



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