

East Haddam Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

First and foremost, thank you for responding to the recent survey over the past few days. Approximately 30 students will be moving from Remote Learning to In-Person learning in the next few days.

We reviewed the feedback on the survey and are speaking with our teams about how we might best use the information to improve our programming. One theme that we found in the feedback was the communication loop from the classroom to the parents of students learning remotely. Our teams are problem solving how to improve this element of our program.

We anticipate our ratio of students learning In-Person to Remote to increase by approximately 3% with 75% of our students in the In-Person learning format. Thanks to your communication through the survey, we have spaces set up for students to return ready to go.

We will start having middle school after school activities to give students time to learn some sport skills and use up some energy in lieu of the traveling athletics programs that we typically offer. These should be starting up shortly.

Please do not forget that the meals are available free of charge through our cafeteria program at the schools for students learning in person on a daily basis. For students learning remotely, meals can be picked up between 4pm and 5pm on the first student day of the week in the high school parking lot.

We have been following Addendum #5, *Interim Guidance for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in Connecticut School Districts*, of the state's reopening plan; *Adapt, Advance, Achieve*. Practically this means that when students or staff members are found to have key COVID symptoms, they are required to remain home for 10 days or get a RT-PCR test. When persons test negative and have been without a fever for 24 hours, they then may return to the school setting. Our diligent nursing staff with your participation in the RUVNA Symptom Check App are managing these scenarios on a daily basis.

In the event that we receive a positive test, we will send you notification of the positive test and work with the Health Department to conduct thorough contact tracing.

Thank you for your collaboration and participation in keep our district safe and healthy.

Stay well,



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