

March 18, 2021

Dear Bengal Families,

Thank you for your flexibility this week during our shift to eLearning. **We have consulted with medical professionals and are confident that it is safe to reopen for in-person instruction, on a normal schedule, this Monday, March 22, 2021.** As with all schools, we will continue to monitor trends and take appropriate action as deemed necessary.



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Please remind your Bengal of these important mitigation strategies:

- All students must wear **a properly fitting mask covering both the nose and mouth.** The only time a mask should be removed is for **eating and drinking, which must be done in a seated position at least 6 feet from others.**

It is expected that students will provide their own masks to be worn and that they will not depend on our clinic to supply masks except in emergent situations. If you have concerns about this, please contact an administrator.

- **All students and staff should maintain proper social distancing (6 feet or more)** even when eating. We have a large cafeteria and plenty of space to spread out and have lunch. Social distancing should also be maintained during classes, at class changes, and at arrival/dismissal times.
- **Practice good hand hygiene.** We have hand sanitizer in every room and all spaces throughout the building; all restrooms are stocked with soap and paper towels.
- **Please keep your Bengal home if he/she is experiencing symptoms. Notify the clinic if he/she is being tested for COVID-19 and of receipt of the results. If a student is waiting on a test result, he/she should stay home until receiving the result.**

If a student is sent home for quarantine due to being identified as a close contact, he/she should be monitored for symptoms and not allowed to be around others for the specified period. Quarantine aims to separate and restrict the movement of people who have been exposed. They may have been exposed to a disease and not know it, or they may have the disease and not show symptoms.

- **We will gradually phase athletics (practices and games) back in, beginning Wednesday, March 24, 2021.** Coaches will communicate with teams the details.

General reminders:

- As the weather warms, we know from experience that we have to reset the expectation for school dress. **Please review the attached dress code, and be sure your student is in compliance.**
- Lastly, due to COVID restrictions, we have all water fountains set to bottle filling stations. **Bengals should bring their own water bottles to refill as needed throughout the day and for any after school activities/ athletics.**

Thank you all, again, for your continued support as we navigate this turbulent time. Both our in-person and virtual students are doing a fantastic job! We are honored to have the privilege of educating your Bengal.

With warmest regards,
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Please let us know if you have any questions!

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