

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flyers:

As you may know, the Freehold Borough municipal government has partnered with the VNA and CentraState to administer COVID shots in Freehold Borough. This initiative is for Freehold Borough residents. Freehold Borough has asked that we relay to our families that they will have some J & J COVID vaccine available next week in limited supply. If you are interested in signing up, please refer to the flyer in English and Spanish [here](#).

Freehold Borough is a diverse community. It is well understood that COVID-19 disproportionately impacts people of color as well as Hispanics/Latinos. With this in mind, CentraState has prepared several public service announcements on COVID 19 and vaccinations using local persons to send the message. The links are listed below. You may find them informative in making a vaccination decision.

COVID-19 Vaccine for People of Color:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftOBuf33Ag0>

Información de vacunación para la comunidad hispana/Latina:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djwhoRouSXo>

COVID-19 Vaccine for Hispanic and LatinX Communities (English version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fX3FEtcTJ7A>

Contacts:

District Social/Emotional Hotline: [732-810-3146](tel:732-810-3146).

District technology issues: techstaff@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us

Restart and Reentry for 2020-2021:

The district continues in hybrid instruction with a mix of in-school (4 half days per week) and remote learning (each afternoon for core courses and one full day a week for related courses). 45% of our district students are attending in-school hybrid, 55% are on full virtual learning.

The district has 2 individuals in isolation due to being COVID positive. 20 other individuals are in quarantine for being exposed to someone who was COVID positive, or following out of state travel. There have been no cases of in-school transmission of COVID. Our region remains in High Risk Orange.

We do not anticipate considering moving to full day instruction with lunch served until we are at least back in Moderate Risk Yellow. However, we are actively studying ways that we can move to five half days in-school instead of the current four half day plan. We should have more details on this shortly.

State Assessments and End-of-Year Planning:

We found out this past week that New Jersey has been given a waiver from conducting statewide assessments this school year in English Language Arts, Math and Science. Instead of taking the state assessments in May, the state will administer a different shorter test in the Fall, once the 2021-2022 school year begins.

Two assessments were left in place and still will have to be conducted this school year. The DLM assessment is given to our most severe special education students and will be administered as scheduled. Also, our English Language Learners will still have to take the ACCESS assessment to establish their English proficiency levels. These two assessments will be administered in-school only, not virtually.

Lastly, we will be giving the OLSAT test to our 2nd graders and 5th graders as part of the screening process into the G&T program. Separate literature will be mailed home on this. The OLSAT will also only be administered in-school only, not virtually.

We still have two unused snow days. At the May 3rd BOE meeting we expect to approve a modification to the district calendar moving the last day of school back from Friday, June 18, to Wednesday June 16, to account for these days.

Active planning is occurring on arranging the celebratory events for our 8th graders. We anticipate holding the 8th grade dance outside in front of FIS. We anticipate having the 8th grade breakfast outside on the last day of school. We are reviewing various options for the 8th grade graduation ceremony(ies), focusing on three options: 1) five to six different small events inside the gym; 2) a series of small events outside FIS (like last year); or, a larger venue in Freehold Borough also held outside. Mrs. Dougherty will be in close contact with 8th grade parents as this planning develops.

Looking ahead to our summer programs, the 21st Century Academy and Credit Recovery programs will start Monday, June 28th. Credit Recovery will be in-person or virtual; the Academy will be in-person only. The Special Education Extended Year Program will start on Tuesday, July 6th and will be in-person with a virtual option. The Title I and Title III programs will also start Tuesday, July 6th, but will be in-person only.

For long term planning, the 1st day of school for the 2021-2022 school year is Thursday, September 9th.

Upcoming Events:

Mon, Apr 12: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Tue, Apr 13: End Marking Period #3

Wed, Apr 14: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Wed, Apr 14: FIS Baseball opens away at Howell North 3:45pm

Fri, Apr 16: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Mon, Apr 19: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Mon, Apr 19: BOE meeting at PAC (virtual and in person) @7pm

Tue, Apr 20: Marking Period #3 grades on Genesis Parent Portal

Tue, Apr 20: FIS Baseball away at Barkalow 3:45pm

Wed, Apr 21: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Thu, Apr 22: FIS Baseball home vs Eisenhower, 3:45pm

Fri, Apr 23: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Mon, Apr 26: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Tue, Apr 27: FIS Softball away at Marlboro Middle, 3:45pm

Wed, Apr 28: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Wed, Apr 28: FIS Baseball away at Manalapan/Englishtown, 2:34pm

Thu, Apr 29: FIS Softball home vs Marlboro Middle, 3:45pm

Thu, Apr 29: FIS Baseball away at Asbury Park, 3:45pm

Thu, Apr 29: Title I Parent Involvement Night (virtual) 6pm-8pm (the theme is Math)

Fri, Apr 30: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Mon, May 3: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Mon, May 3: FIS Softball home vs Eisenhower, 3:45pm

Mon, May 3: BOE meeting at PAC (virtual and in person) @ 7pm

Tue, May 4: FIS Baseball home vs Marlboro Middle, 3:45pm

Tue, May 4: FIS Track home vs Barkalow (at Freehold HS), 3:45pm

Wed, May 5: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Wed, May 5: FIS Softball @ Eisenhower, 3:45pm

Thu, May 6: FIS Baseball home vs Wall MS, 3:45pm

Thu, May 6: FIS Track away @ Asbury Park, 3:45pm

Fri, May 7: Food distribution, virtual students, Freehold Library, 8am-12pm

Thank you.

Rocco Tomazic
Superintendent

