

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would be remiss to not wish you all a Happy New Year. We have been constantly monitoring the COVID situation in Monmouth County and Freehold Borough in particular. The Freehold Area Health Department has not recommended a closure of school or other alterations based on the current conditions. At the present time there is enough staff available to open schools as normal tomorrow. The situation continues to change rapidly, any change will be communicated both by robo-call and e-mail blast. As a precaution starting tomorrow we will be working to ensure every student has a device and other materials needed in case a quick shift to remote instruction becomes necessary.

As we try to reopen schools safely, mask wearing will continue to be enforced. Hand sanitizer stations are available in all classrooms and students will be encouraged to use them. The custodial staff makes use of electrostatic sprayers at night to disinfect classrooms. Any student who is symptomatic in any way should not be sent to school. The school nurses will have access to rapid antigen COVID tests and may use them when indicated. We will also be canceling athletic practices for tomorrow as we work determine if additional precautions need to be in place to allow athletic activities to continue.

As we work through this surge in COVID cases I am sure this will prove to be a challenging few weeks. The District is committed to providing full day in person instruction as long as we are able to safely continue to do so. If the health officer recommends any alterations to the operation of school or any mandates come from the state we are prepared to follow them accordingly.

Regards,

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