

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flyers:

Information on COVID Child Care Tuition Assistance in English [here](#). In Spanish [here](#).

Here is a link to proper mask wearing/storage:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wash-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Here is CDC guidance related to Thanksgiving:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/thanksgiving.html>

Contacts:

Social/Emotional Hotline: 732-810-3146.

District technology issues: [techstaff@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us](mailto:techstaff@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us)

Restart and Reentry for 2020-2021:

Yesterday the weekly COVID Regional Risk Assessment placed the risk in Monmouth County as High (Orange). This is the first time Monmouth County has been so listed during this school year. Freehold Borough is similarly at High Risk (Orange) based on local conditions. Per the Department of Health guidelines, being in Orange should prompt districts to start to consider whether to shift to full remote instruction. If the COVID Regional Risk Assessment for Monmouth County, or for our Freehold Borough specifically, becomes Very High (Red), then schools must shift to full remote instruction. Please keep these markers in mind as we plan through the coming weeks.

This past Monday we opened five special education classes at Freehold Learning Center to in-school hybrid learning. We currently have the rest of the district scheduled to return to in-school hybrid instruction on Monday, December 14th. Per our latest survey, 63% of the parents indicate they want their child attending in-school hybrid learning. 37% have indicated that they want their students remaining 100% virtual.

As we move forward, the district will plan in two directions. We will plan to revert to full district remote instruction if so advised by the Freehold Health Department due to the level of local COVID outbreak. This might happen, so we should be ready. We will also continue to plan for our return to in-school, hybrid learning on December 14th consistent with Level 4 of our Reentry Plan (e.g. 50% in-school, 50% asynchronous alternating half days for core courses English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, fully remote for related courses Art, Music, Spanish, PE, Health, Technology.) Lastly, will also continue our staff work on future plans that might allow for more in-school time once the COVID situation statewide and locally so justify.

We have made extensive preparations to ensure our schools are safe to operate. This has included installation of bipolar ionizers for air filtration, thermal imagers to detect fever, plastic barriers for social distancing, health questionnaires to assist families

screening students at home, and procedures in the schools to minimize risk and maintain social distance parameters (e.g. signage, hand washing, face coverings, disinfecting, etc.) These preparations notwithstanding, we remain alert and mindful of the level of outbreak in the community, and will make decisions based on that data with guidance from our local health officer. Please remain flexible and ready to adjust to a wide range of contingencies as they may arise. As always we will keep everyone as informed as we can.

Upcoming Events:

Mon, Nov 23: Food distribution rear of PAC, 8am-12pm

Mon, Nov 23: BOE meeting 7pm (virtual)

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Wed, Nov 25: Food distribution rear of PAC, 8am-12pm

Wed, Nov 25: Early dismissal

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Thu, Nov 26: Thanksgiving, schools closed

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Fri, Nov 27: Thanksgiving break, schools closed

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Mon, Nov 30: Food distribution rear of PAC, 8am-12pm

I send best wishes to all for a safe and meaningful Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you.

Rocco Tomazic  
Superintendent

