



August 18, 2020

Dear Members of the Goodwin University Magnet Schools Community,

The Goodwin University Magnet Schools has selected Integrated Health Services (IHS) Registered Nurse Jennifer Miller as our COVID-19 Health and Safety Compliance Liaison. Jennifer can be contacted via email at: jenmiller@ctriveracademy.org. Jennifer will work closely with Mallory Breitmaier, IHS Nurse Practitioner; the IHS medical advisor, Dr. Andrew Feller; and Christin Kondash, RN, the LEARN COVID-19 Health and Safety Compliance Liaison.

Here are some bulleted items per CDC guidance to review that may be helpful in your family's decision making regarding the 2020-2021 school year.

- Make sure your family's information is current at school, including emergency contacts and individuals authorized to pick up your child(ren) from school. If this list includes anyone who is at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, consider identifying an alternate person.
- Review resources on the COVID-19 webpage on your student's school website:
 - Educational videos regarding standard public health practices
 - Resource guide for testing facilities within the greater Hartford area
 - New district/school policies, procedures and protocols regarding COVID-19.
- Make sure your child is up-to-date with all recommended vaccines. The 2020-2021 influenza vaccine will be available at the Connecticut River Academy School Based Health Center, and a parent permission form will be sent home in September. The CDC recommends that all school-aged children get an influenza flu vaccine every season, with rare exceptions. This is especially important this year, because we do not yet know if being sick with COVID-19 at the same time as the flu will result in more severe illness.
- Please be informed that the water fountain stations will be available for bottle filling only. Your child will be allowed to bring in a water bottle from home and fill it up as needed.
- Develop daily routines before and after school;—for example, things to pack for school in the morning (such as hand sanitizer and a backup cloth face covering) and things to do when you return home (such as washing hands immediately and washing worn face coverings).
- Develop a plan as a family to protect household members who are at increased risk for severe disease.
- Talk to your child about precautions to take at school. Children may be advised to:
 - Wash and sanitize their hands more often.
 - Keep physical distance from other students.
 - Wear a cloth face covering.
 - Avoid sharing objects with other students, including water bottles, devices, writing instruments, and books.
 - Use hand sanitizer (that contains at least 60% alcohol.) Make sure you're using a safe product.
 - Monitor how they feel and tell an adult if they are not feeling well.
- Plan for possible school closures or periods of quarantine. If transmission is increasing in your community or if multiple children or staff test positive for COVID-19, the school building might close. Similarly, if a close contact of your child (within or outside of school) tests positive for COVID-19, your child may need to stay home for a two-week quarantine period. You may need



to consider the feasibility of teleworking, taking leave from work, or identifying someone who can supervise your child in the event of school building closures or quarantine.

- Plan for transportation.
- The Goodwin University Magnet Schools will be using a cohorting model, as feasible. Please consider limiting your child's in-person out-of-school interactions to children in the same cohort or to activities where physical distancing can be maintained.
- Become aware of the state's travel advisory. This advisory applies to school attendance.
- Review the attached Student Screening Checklist. Please review this checklist daily prior to sending your child(ren) to school.
- Contact Jennifer Miller, RN, the Goodwin University Magnet Schools COVID-19 Health and Safety Compliance Liaison at jenmiller@ctriveracademy.org if you have any specific questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David S. Daye".

David S. Daye
Director of Business Operations
Goodwin University Magnet Schools