

March 19, 2021

Dear Haldane Community,

On March 8, Haldane began a daily COVID-19 testing program of students, faculty, and staff. I am pleased to share that, to date, we have experienced a 0% positivity rate. During this time, 50 K-12 students and three staff members were voluntarily tested.

We intend to continue the testing program throughout the coming months. While participation is voluntary, we see this as an important component of maintaining a safe learning environment for students and staff.

As I shared previously, the School Reopening Task Force is now meeting to plan for the reentry of additional students to campus, particularly in the high school. We are working to coordinate the necessary space accommodations and PPE to allow for their safe return to school. On Monday, March 22, the majority of our Senior class will begin attending school fully in person. My hope is to have all high school students on campus daily by mid-April. The attachment provides an overview of our phase-in goals for student return. Additional details will be shared in the coming weeks.

If you have not already, please consider registering your child(ren) for the rolling COVID-19 testing program. The shallow nasal swab delivers results within 15 minutes and parent attendance is not required.

If you agree to have your child participate in the voluntary testing program, please complete the [consent form in FamilyID](#).

I continue to work closely with the Putnam County Department of Health to navigate evolving state and local guidelines, and I am optimistic about the prospect of having the majority of our students back on campus by the end of this school year. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Phil Benante, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
Haldane Central School District

Estimada comunidad de Haldane,

El 8 de marzo, Haldane comenzó un programa diario de pruebas COVID-19 para estudiantes, profesores y personal. Me complace compartir que, hasta la fecha, hemos experimentado una tasa de positividad del 0%. Durante este tiempo, 50 estudiantes K-12 y tres miembros del personal fueron evaluados voluntariamente.

Tenemos la intención de continuar con el programa de pruebas durante los próximos meses. Si bien la participación es voluntaria, vemos esto como un componente importante para mantener un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro para los estudiantes y el personal.

Como dije anteriormente, el Grupo de Trabajo de Reapertura de Escuelas se está reuniendo para planificar el reingreso de estudiantes adicionales al campus, particularmente en la escuela secundaria. Estamos trabajando para coordinar las adaptaciones de espacio necesarias y el PPE para permitir su regreso seguro a la escuela. El lunes 22 de marzo, la mayoría de nuestra clase de último año comenzará a asistir a la escuela completamente en persona. Mi esperanza es tener a todos los estudiantes de secundaria en el campus todos los días a mediados de abril. El archivo adjunto proporciona una descripción general de nuestras metas de incorporación paulatina para el regreso de los estudiantes. Se compartirán detalles adicionales en las próximas semanas.

Si aún no lo ha hecho, considere inscribir a su (s) hijo (s) en el programa continuo de pruebas COVID-19. El hisopo nasal poco profundo proporciona resultados en 15 minutos y no se requiere la asistencia de los padres.

Si acepta que su hijo participe en el programa de pruebas voluntarias, complete el formulario de consentimiento en FamilyID.

Continúo trabajando en estrecha colaboración con el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Putnam para navegar por las pautas estatales y locales en evolución, y soy optimista sobre la posibilidad de que la mayoría de nuestros estudiantes regresen al campus para fines de este año escolar. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

Atentamente,
Phil Benante, Ed. D.
Superintendente de escuelas
Distrito Escolar Central de Haldane

SPRING 2021 STUDENT REENTRY

PHASE I

MARCH 22 - APRIL 16

STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

All Elementary School Students
All Middle School Students
All High School Seniors
Grades 9-11 Hybrid

Families may still elect All-Remote

HEALTH SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Desks remain 6 feet apart
Masks worn by all
MERV-13 filtration
Doors & windows open, as appropriate
Bus guidelines allow seating closer than 6 feet

PHASE II

APRIL 19 - MAY 14

STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

All Elementary School Students
All Middle School Students
All High School Students

Families may still elect All-Remote

HEALTH SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Elementary & middle school desks 6 feet apart,
where possible
High school desks minimum 3 feet apart
Masks worn by all
Face shields worn when 6 feet cannot be
maintained
MERV-13 filtration
Doors & windows open
Outdoor classrooms under tents
Bus guidelines allow seating closer than 6 feet

PHASE III

MAY 17 - JUNE 24

Haldane will strive to have all students attend in person during the last month of the school year.