

May 11, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today we would like to share some important information with you regarding the latest health updates.

Masking:

Effective Monday, May 17th students will not be required to wear masks when engaging in athletics, exercise, or play activities **outdoors** per the [updated guidance](#) from the Chester County Health Department. The [Universal Face Covering Order](#) issued by Pennsylvania's Secretary of Health on May 3, 2021, is still in effect and requires students and staff to continue to wear masks except for the above-noted exception. Making this change on Monday, May 17th provides staff with the time to talk with students, clarify when they can remove the masks, where the masks should be stored, and answer any questions some students may have. Students who wish to continue wearing a mask may do so.

Vaccine:

Students (16-18 years of age) who are returning to the vaccine clinic this Friday at Radnor HS for their **second shot** should bring the vaccine card they received when they received the first dose. An email will be sent to parents/guardians with directions for the consent form (a second form is required).

A vaccine clinic for 12-15-year-olds will be held on Monday, May 17th. Information with directions to register will be sent to parents/guardians before Friday, May 14th. The clinic will run 1:00 - 8:00 PM Monday, May 17th.

[Fully vaccinated individuals](#) (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine) who are exposed to a probable or confirmed COVID19 case, AND remain asymptomatic throughout the current exposure, **do not have to quarantine**.

6ft of Distance while eating:

The requirement for six feet of distance while eating lunch has not changed. Therefore we cannot make any changes for the remaining six weeks of the school year. We have been and are engaged in planning for next year should the 6 feet of distance requirement still be in place. The District will be identifying what work would need to be completed in order to return the middle school and high school students to full-day in-person learning which includes lunch.

Symptomatic Student COVID-19 testing

If your child develops symptoms while at school we can administer a rapid antigen test in the school nurse's office, provided we have your consent. If you are interested in your child having access to this test, if necessary, please read this [letter](#) and complete the [Student Consent Form](#). Even with consent, the school nurse will call home before administering a COVID-19 test.

If your child is symptomatic for COVID 19 and tests negative on the Rapid Antigen Test you will be asked to follow up with a PCR test. If your child is symptomatic and tests positive for COVID 19 you will not need to take this step. For more information, please review the “After an Antigen test [handout](#)” provided by the Chester County Health Department.

Our district is one of many partnering with CHOP and the Chester County Health Department to offer Rapid Antigen Testing in our district through Project ACE-IT. Project ACE-IT is a public health intervention aimed at reducing the risk of the spread of COVID-19 within schools. CHOP has provided an FAQ document for Project ACE-IT which can be found [here](#).

Some students may be able to self-administer this nasal swab test while others will need the nurse to administer the test. The nasal swab is inserted about 1cm into each nostril for roughly 15 seconds. The swab will then be inserted into a Binax Now card that has been prepped with a reagent. The test will sit for 15 minutes before a result appears. Results will be emailed to the parent directly. The Binax test has proved to be quick and efficient.

The nurse will not administer a test on a student who is unwilling to participate even with parental consent. In addition, no student who arrives at school with symptoms will be permitted to take part in testing. At no time should anyone enter a school building with COVID-19 symptoms. We are happy to be able to provide this helpful public health initiative in our schools.

As always we thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,
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