

July 13, 2021

Good evening,

We hope this message finds you enjoying time with family and friends and experiencing a more relaxed schedule!

Over the past week, there have been updates regarding the agency serving as the health authority in Delaware County. We were notified on July 6th that the Chester County Health Department will no longer serve as the health authority for Delaware County and the PA Department of Health will be our health authority on August 1, 2021. On July 9th districts received updated [guidance from the CDC](#). All districts were notified to expect [communication](#) from the PA Department of Health and PA Department of Education. We will share that information as soon as it is made available.

On June 16th we notified the community that our [Health & Safety Plan](#) would be posted on our website for public view. That plan as it is written was shared at the July 8th board meeting. Any requirements communicated via the PA Department of Health and/or PA Department of Education will inform the update to our Health & Safety plan as it is currently written.

The community can provide comments on the Health & Safety plan [here](#).

Our intentions remain the same, unless mandated, we plan to open schools in September without the requirement of 6 feet of social distancing and masks will be optional. We remain optimistic that our school year will look similar to a typical school year. Last week, Delaware County saw an average daily incidence rate of 7.23 positive cases per 100,000. In addition, the percent positivity for PCR tests only reached 1.06%. Our numbers continue to decrease each week.

As always, we thank you for your patience and support as we plan for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,  
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Superintendent

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