



Harbor Country Day School
Embracing the extraordinary in every child.™

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Dear Harbor Parents,

At 17 Three Sisters Road, Camp Harbor is in full swing with camp enrollment returning to pre-COVID numbers. We have not had any cases of the virus (knock on wood) and with the swimming pool refurbished before camp started, the campers are enjoying swimming two times a day! Does it get any better than that?

Behind the scenes, we are getting ready for the opening of school. I will be sending out my official opening school letter in two weeks with more news, but today, I wanted to let you know about our COVID-related plans for the fall.

We are paying close attention to the news from the CDC, DOH, and the state as we make plans for the fall. As of right now, and things could change as I speak with the other Long Island independent school heads and we watch trends and hear from the CDC and DOH, we will be opening school with the following steps in place:

1. Wearing masks will be required indoors for everyone, PK3-8th grade, including all adults; outdoor masks are voluntary
2. Temperature checks will be conducted each morning as students arrive to school
3. Cleaning throughout the day and at night, especially in the common areas
4. Lunches in classrooms, outside, or in open spaces 6' apart
5. 3' distancing in classrooms
6. All co-curricular classes will meet in their own classrooms with students moving from their home rooms and classrooms to their co-curricular and upper school classes
7. PK3 and PK4 entrances to school from their outside doors; not through the front entrance of the school
8. No parents will be permitted in the building with the exception of PK2 parents in the front hall entrance only

And, I thought you should know about travel restrictions. As you think about your travel plans during the year, here is the CDC guidance on that subject. Fully vaccinated people can:

- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel and from self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

Here is a link to the new CDC guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Also, as we continue to take all steps to keep Harbor as safe as possible for everyone, we strongly recommend that all students and teachers over the age of 12 get vaccinated.

I will be sending another letter to all parents in mid-August with more details about the opening of school with the schedule of events as well as faculty and school news.

In the meantime, we will continue our vigilance with the virus and keep you apprised of what we are hearing and the plans for the fall. Our mantra remains the same - make clear plans, pay attention to the trends, and adjust our plans as we see fit to keep our community safe.

I send each of you best wishes for continued good health intermingled with some summer fun too!

Sincerely,

John Cissel
Head of School