

December 30, 2021

Dear Haverford Community,

We are writing with a reminder about procedures to follow when we return to school on January 3, 2022, and to share an important update to our COVID-19 quarantine procedures. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [announced](#) that it has shortened its recommended quarantine period to **five days** for individuals with COVID-19, as long as they are asymptomatic or they have not had a fever for at least 24 hours. Masking is still required on school buses, schools, and district buildings for all individuals.

Our plan remains to keep schools open for in-person instruction when we return after winter break. We will continue to provide access to virtual learning activities and materials for students who are quarantining as we have all year. As staff return from the winter break, virtual learning materials and activities will be available beginning on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

With the increase in COVID-19 cases we ask that everyone follow the steps below before returning to school on January 3rd:

Families/Students:

- Please continue to use the [Symptom Screener](#) each day.
 - Keep symptomatic students home. Please do not rely upon testing kits in the schools to be used Monday morning as students arrive.
- Please refer to the following CDC Isolation and Quarantine updates: [CDC Updates and Shortens Recommended Isolation and Quarantine](#)
- Update your student's vaccination status in the PowerSchool parent portal. An email was sent to all families on December 21st with instructions.
 - If your child is identified as a close contact and we know that your child is fully vaccinated at the time of exposure, we will still notify you of the contact, but your child will not be quarantined and can stay in school masked.
- If your child is **not** returning to school on January 3rd because they are isolating or quarantining, please follow the procedures you've followed all year.
 - **Elementary level kindly note:** One email sent to the nurse with your child's teacher and principal copied will assist our organization and internal communication.

Our ability to keep our schools open for in-person instruction will require us to maintain our efforts to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 in our schools and the ability to staff our classrooms. Please continue to wear a mask when near others in public, engage in social distancing, and keep children home when they are sick. Thank you once again for your support and flexibility.

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and happy new year.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent