

December 4, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At the School Board meeting last night, 12/03/20, the Board of School Directors voted to authorize the return to the Hybrid model of instruction beginning on December 9th. Students will return to the same models that were in place before November 30th. Watch the [Superintendent's report](#) for more information.

- December 9: Cohort A returns to in-person learning
- December 10: Cohort B returns to in-person learning
- December 11: Friday will continue to be a virtual learning day for all students

If your child is unable to return to the hybrid setting due to isolation, quarantine, illness or other reasons, please notify your child's school as soon as possible. Principals are working closely with families and teachers to support students who are unable to attend school in-person. If you are interested in learning more about the Haverford Online options, please see our [website](#) for contact information.

Please see the following new orders and recommendations:

- PA Department of Health (PA DOH): all school districts choosing to offer an in-person option must comply with [new requirements](#) concerning face coverings AND the
- [Pennsylvania Department of Education recommendations](#) for K-12 schools
- The PA Secretary of Health also issued an [order for Delaware County](#) limiting inside gatherings to 10. This does not apply to schools, but it does apply to sports and activities. Therefore, our sports competitions will not begin until at least January 2. Practices may continue in some form and students should look for further communication from their coaches.

You may reference [this chart](#) for a summary of what the recommendations will mean for our schools while Delaware County is in substantial status. Essentially, once we meet a certain threshold for the number of cases in a school, we must consult with the Chester County Health Department (CCHD) in order to determine the length of any necessary closure and to keep them apprised of our cleaning, contact tracing, and other related procedures.

In the event that a school is required to close, we will give the community as much notice as possible; however, thresholds could be met quickly, requiring very short notice to families. To that end, we will be updating our website's COVID 19 dashboard frequently, so that families can remain as informed as possible.

We continue to track positive cases within our District schools and ask you to notify the school nurse if your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is identified as a "close contact" with a positive case. Although the CDC has published a shorter quarantine period, we are still governed by the Chester County Health Department's rule for a 14-day quarantine. Should this change, we will amend our process and update our website.

Keeping our schools safely open is our top priority. We ask that the community redouble their efforts to wear masks, limit gatherings, wash their hands, and maintain social distancing. By practicing these mitigation strategies we can keep ourselves healthy and our schools open for in-person learning.

Sincerely,
Maureen Reusche, Ed.D.
Superintendent