

Dear Riverview Community,

We hope you are peaceful, happy, and safe. Below are few important updates:

1. **Covid-related virtual instruction** – As stated in previous communications, the new state mandates require us to move to virtual instruction for intermittent periods of time if cases of Covid rise in our schools. We have been fortunate thus far. However, if we are going to shift, we will give you as much lead time as possible and students will simply log into their classes from home and participate as they did in the first 9 weeks for the designated period of time. Fortunately, this should be a painless transition because we are experienced with remote learning.
2. **Weather-related virtual instruction** – With winter upon us, we want to be proactive about weather-related shifts. The District will shift to remote learning for all weather-related issues this winter. We will interchange traditional school delays with full virtual days in order to ensure that the students are provided with a full day of learning. Once again, we will try to give you as much lead time as we can. If we do experience a weather-related virtual day, students will simply log into their classes from home. This will not change the hybrid schedule days. For instance, if a student has a last name starting with L-Z and they miss an in-person day because of weather, the in-person day will not be made up. Students will simply attend in person on Friday as usual. For weather-related days, sports and activities will be considered on a case by case basis (as student and staff safety allow).
3. **All School Trips Canceled** – All school trips and events are canceled for the foreseeable future. The District is taking extra precaution in order to continue to provide in-person instruction and winter sports. Hopefully, we can shift our mindset as vaccinations become available and current Covid cases drop.
4. **Health and Safety Recommendations** – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) is reporting that cases of Covid are being spread from students and families congregating outside of school without masks. At this point, students should be wearing masks at all points in time if they are outside of their home. All guests to your homes should be wearing masks as well (as well as yourselves – if you accept guests). Students should not be gathering in groups at any point in time unless they are playing sports (especially without masks). This is an inconvenient but necessary step in order to keep us safe. Remember, cases are at all-time record levels and the virus is not something to be trifled with. If you are traveling out of state for any reason, you must quarantine upon return. We urge you not to travel and to congregate with your immediate family only.
5. **Gratitude / New AIU Communication Specialist** – We want to express our gratitude for the work of Eddie Phillips, who has served his role of Communication Specialist of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) faithfully. Eddie has received a new job and we wish him well in his future

pursuits. He will be around, however, as he is a proud Riverview parent! If you see him, please thank him for all he has done to support our District. He will be replaced by Mr. Junior Gonzalez. Junior will serve as the new Communication Specialist from the AIU. Born in New York, Junior has lived most of his life in York County in Southcentral Pennsylvania. He graduated from Penn State University in 2016 for studies in journalism and history. Prior to joining the AIU, Junior worked at two Midstate newspapers where he covered numerous topics including education, development and transportation. He just moved to Pittsburgh and we welcome him to the region and to our Riverview family. He will be supporting our District by providing additional services in communication. Welcome Junior!

6. **Winter Sports Update** - As you may have heard, the State has mandated a 10% maximum capacity for all indoor activities. In addition, masks are to be worn by all spectators and all athletes at all times (including during competition). Most Allegheny County are following the same mask guidelines, and the visiting teams we play will be complying. No contests this winter are open to the public. The number of tickets we can provide is based on the roster numbers of each team and the total capacity of the facilities. Therefore, spectator passes will be limited and all student athletes will receive tickets from their coaches for home games only. Parents or guardians are to present their tickets at the door and must be masked upon entry and throughout the contest. *Please note: spectator attendance is always subject to change depending on the latest guidance from the Allegheny County Health Department.* In order to allow parents and families to view events, however, ***all home athletic events will be live-streamed on riverviewathletics.org.***
7. **Riverview Education Foundation (REF) Update and Event** – The Riverview Education Foundation (REF) has planned a safe, innovative, and festive event for the holiday season! They are delivering graham cracker gingerbread kits to families curbside. This is a fun family activity, and certainly a festive way to celebrate the holiday season! Payment is easy and the proceeds go to the Foundation, who supports the Riverview students and schools faithfully. The flyer is included in the link below (in yellow).

REF GINGERBREAD HOUSE EVENT

Be safe, enjoy the weekend, and thank you for your continued support. Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration

