



Dear Riverview Parents,

Good afternoon!

We hope you are doing well, and are getting outside to enjoy the warmer spring weather. We are now almost two weeks into the 4th marking period and we are off to a solid start. Approximately 85% of Riverview families chose to attend school 5 days a week, and 15% are utilizing our virtual option. There is a new found feeling of excitement with the addition of more young people into the buildings, and a continued focus on our virtual learners as well. Please make sure that unless your child is ill, they should adhere to their 4th marking period choices. Moving back and forth between models makes lesson planning increasingly difficult for our educators. We thank you in advance for this.

We have included some important updates for your review, so please read through them in their entirety:

1. **Student Safety** - As most of you know, our High School had to move to virtual instruction today and tomorrow. Therefore, we thought this would be a good time to remind everyone that the health crisis is *not over* and still requires our *full attention*. Cases continue to rise among young people, and we must stay vigilant. Therefore, please make sure you are carefully monitoring your child's symptoms each day. To assist you, we have provided a [morning checklist](#) on our District website. If your child is experiencing *any* symptoms, please keep them home and have them seen by your primary care physician immediately. In addition, stay in close contact with the school so we can keep everyone safe.
2. **Vaccinations** - If have not done so, we encourage all families to schedule and receive their vaccinations as soon as possible. Vaccinations have now been opened up to students age 16 and up. We have included a link on our [Riverview Facebook page](#) (with a QR code) that can help you schedule (this is the Moderna and the Pfizer vaccine). The Department of Health also asked that we relay to you that the pause of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine was a result of adverse effects only found in .00009% of the population (6 cases total). As such, they are taking an overabundance of caution with a desire to study the similarities and provide guidance. There is an extremely low risk of any adverse reaction. However, if you, or anyone you know, are experiencing any health concerns

related to this vaccine (or any vaccine), please contact your primary care physician immediately.

3. **PSSA and Standardized Testing** - The Federal Government is requiring every school in the country to complete standardized tests this year. They feel that the assessments are important to establish a baseline for learning loss caused by Covid-19 (and to know where to divert funding to assist). Therefore, please encourage your children to stay positive, do their best, and take them seriously. There will be a plan for virtual students to take them as well. You will receive more information from your building Principals soon, if have not already. Thank you in advance for your support.
4. **Gathering Limits** - In early April, the Pennsylvania Department of Health slightly increased the gathering limit requirements. Face coverings are still required to be worn indoors and outdoors if you are away from your home. The new gathering limit guidelines are as follows:
 - o **Indoor events:** 25% of maximum occupancy, regardless of venue size and only if attendees and workers are able to comply with the 6-foot physical distancing requirement
 - o **Outdoor events:** 50% of maximum occupancy, regardless of venue size and only if attendees and workers are able to comply with the 6-foot physical distancing requirement
5. **Masks on School Grounds** - If you are picking up and dropping off students at school, you *MUST* wear a mask at all times, indoor or outdoor, in accordance to the Face Coverings mandate set forth by the Department of Health. This is a non-negotiable. Please make sure that you adhere to this policy for the safety of those around you.

Those are the important items for you to consider as of today. As always, we thank you for your continued flexibility and support. Please continue to keep safety as your primary focus and do everything you can to help us stay open and keep everyone safe here at school! Have a wonderful week!

Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration