



Dear Riverview Parents,

We hope you are well! We wanted to reach out to you prior to the holiday weekend with some important information:

1. **School Safety** - The Riverview School District sees the safety of our students and staff as our top priority. We have a detailed and extensive confidential safety plan that encompasses all situations that could happen in our schools. This plan is shared with our local law enforcement and emergency personnel and is reviewed yearly as a part of our partnership with them. We hold emergency drills on a monthly basis in collaboration with our local law enforcement and first responders and we engage our staff in ongoing training. Riverview facilities have been updated to maximize safety and security, and we hold safety meetings with multiple stakeholders on a monthly basis. Ultimately, our goal is to ensure we continue to stay safe, educated, well-informed, and proactive as we work collaboratively to meet the many challenges of our society.
2. **Covid/Masking** - Unfortunately, the CDC has just designated Allegheny County's community level to "high" as of last night. This means that cases are rising and hospital rates are increasing. Since we still have a relatively limited amount of cases weekly in our schools, **the District will take the following actions as of Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022:**
  - **Staff Masks** – All staff will be wearing a mask when indoors through the remainder of the school year.
  - **Classroom Spaces** – All desks will be spaced to the maximum extent possible, as well as the cafeteria spaces (although we will not be utilizing the gyms for cafeterias). If classes can commence outdoors, teachers will do so as feasible.
  - **Classroom Disinfection and Sanitization** – Staff will continue to remind students of hand washing, sanitation, and disinfection.

- **Student Masks** – Masks for students are strongly recommended and encouraged, but will remain optional for students as of now. That being said, *we would appreciate your compliance in providing masks to your children and encouraging them to wear them in class for the last week and a half of school.* We will have masks available at each site to encourage this. We have two indoor events still on the schedule (the jazz band and 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation on June 2<sup>nd</sup>) and would appreciate if masks are worn at these events as well. Graduation is scheduled to occur outdoors and as long as the weather cooperates, masks will not be necessary at this event.
- **Covid Tests** – Please remember that we are able to administer rapid and PCR tests at each school. We also currently have a stockpile of Covid tests for parents to take home and use at their convenience (although they are going fast).
- **Symptoms** – If your child is experiencing any symptoms, please keep them home and contact your primary care physician and school nurse immediately. Utilize our testing abilities as needed and stay safe!

We know that everyone has different views on how to manage issues related to Covid. We appreciate your trust, compliance and cooperation as we do our best to balance the educational needs of the students with the health and safety of our school community. We will continue to work with the County Health Department, our medical experts, and our educational community as we try to find the right balance of the two. We respectfully ask you to trust us and to refrain from sending emails to administration with your opinions or views. We need to remain focused on finals, end of the year events, and closing out the 2021-2022 school year with joy, excitement, and gratitude. We only have 6.5 days of school left!

3. **Memorial Day** – Warm wishes to you and your family on Memorial Day. Our deepest gratitude goes to those who provided us the chance to make this world a better place. Please enjoy the long holiday weekend and pay your respects accordingly. There is no school on Monday and we will commence on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

We thank you for your trust, cooperation, and continued support of the Riverview School District. Let's do our best to work together and help the students enjoy the next couple of weeks and to graduate to their next grade, college or career! Please continue to stay happy, peaceful, and safe.

Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration