Hanover Township Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family well and enjoying the last few days of the summer. The entire district staff and I are very excited to welcome our students back to school on Tuesday, September 6th. Recently, public health guidance for K-12 schools has been provided by local, state and federal agencies to assist school districts in developing procedures that are appropriate to our school community. Based on this information, the procedures listed below will be in place for the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Please note, listed procedures are subject to change based on updated guidance.

| Торіс | September 2022 | New Protocol or Consistent with 2021- 2022 SY |
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| Face Coverings | Optional for all students/staff and visitors | Consistent as of March 2022. |
| Face Coverings on School Bus | Optional for all students/staff | Consistent as of March 2022. |
| Contact Tracing | The district will no longer contact trace. | New protocol |
| Quarantine/Isolation | It is recommended that individuals (staff and students) who test positive for COVID-19 should be isolated for five (5) days. Symptoms must be improved, and individuals must remain fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) prior to returning to school. | Consistent with 2021-2022 SY |
| | Household members of an individual who test positive do not need to quarantine. | New protocol |
| | Students and staff who have symptoms of illness (fever, heavy cough, nausea, etc.), should stay home from school and consult with their healthcare provider as needed. | Returning to pre-COVID procedures. |
| COVID-19 District Dashboard | The district will no longer track or report the number of positive cases each week | New protocol |
| Remote/Virtual Instruction | The district will be returning to pre-COVID procedures for student absences and will no longer provide remote/virtual instruction for COVID related absences. Assignments will be provided via Google Classroom and/or teacher provided materials. | New protocol, returning to pre- COVID procedures. |
| Social Distancing | Significantly relaxed | New protocol |
| Handwashing & Hand Sanitizer Available | Will continue. | Consistent with 2021-2022 SY |
| Electrostatic Cleaning and Disinfecting | Will continue. | Consistent with 2021-2022 SY |
| Weekly Testing of Unvaccinated Staff | No longer required | New protocol. Executive Order 253 expired August 2022. |
| Travel Restrictions | There are no mandated travel restrictions at this time. | Consistent with 2021-2022 SY |

Thank you for your continued support, cooperation, and patience as we look forward to the start of the 2022-2023 school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's respective building principal and/or me.

Sincerely,

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