



Littleton Public Schools

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Dear Littleton Families,

We have certainly enjoyed some wonderful weather as we begin the summer break. Today, Governor Baker's office and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released their initial guidance about reopening schools this fall. We appreciate the level of thought and care that went into the development of this guidance, and share its goal of the safe return of as many students as possible to in-person school settings in order to best meet students' academic, social, and emotional needs.

Over the coming days, we will be reviewing the guidance to begin to understand how it impacts what we can do in Littleton. We also acknowledge that these initial guidelines do not address every topic and that there will be additional guidance coming throughout the summer. The full document can be found [here](#), but below are some key takeaways:

- Current medical research supports a safe in-person return to school - with preventive measures in place - as infection and transmission rates are lower for children than adults.
- Preventive measures include masks/face coverings, physical distancing, handwashing, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- Masks/face coverings will be required for all students in Grade 2 and above and for all adults; they are also recommended for students in Grade 1 and below.
- Based on current medical research, and in conjunction with other preventive measures, a minimum physical distance of three feet has been established.

The guidance requires districts to develop three separate plans - one for return to full in-person instruction with safety requirements, one for full remote learning, and one for hybrid learning that combines in-person and remote learning. Based upon the current medical situation, the desired model today is that students will return to full in-person instruction in September provided that schools can meet all of the safety requirements, however, that is subject to change based upon how the medical situation develops.

We acknowledge that there are likely to be more questions than answers at this time, and we will continue to communicate with you in the coming weeks and months. We encourage you to read the full document of the initial guidance linked above. As stated in the guidance, our primary goal is to ensure a safe re-entry for students and staff.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please take good care and have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,


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