

Due to the increase in COVID cases in our school district and in anticipation of moving to orange protocol, I want to take this time to remind you of what our orange protocol will look like so that you can plan accordingly. It looks slightly different for each class, so if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs. Othmer or Mrs. Lottman.

First of all, let me assure you that as of 11:30 on Monday, Nov. 9, we have two active cases in staff members and one active case in a high school student. We have more students quarantined because of contact tracing, but we have very few cases in school. Most of our contact has come from activities outside of school.

In orange protocol, all students will be assigned a classroom where they will spend their day. Yes, they will be allowed breaks, but they will be staggered so that there are not multiple students in the hallways passing at the same time. Breakfast and lunch will be delivered to those classrooms. Elementary students will have an assigned teacher. JH and HS students will have an assigned classroom monitor, but their core teachers will travel to them. For example, the math teacher will come to the HS classroom instead of the students traveling to the teacher's classroom. The logistics of this are complicated, but with all students having a laptop, if a teacher has students in multiple classrooms, they will rotate and students not in that classroom will connect remotely to that teacher.

Because of the amount of planning required behind making this successful, we will be teaching core classes only. JH & HS students will be required to connect remotely with their elective teachers between 12:30 and 1:30.

Please note that the 1:30 release is district wide. We will teach core classes only and have a slot for electives, but we will not be able to teach a lot of the electives because of time constraints. It is predicted that we will change to orange protocol (or even to red) within the next two weeks, so please be proactive in making after school arrangements for your child. When we switch protocols, we will be out of school for 2 to 3 days to allow staff time to prepare for the new protocol.

Please be assured that we are implementing changes such as additional masking, cleaning, more social distancing, etc. that will help our students and staff stay as safe as possible. We want to stay in school as long as we can.