



January 11, 2021

To: Spectrum Community

Re: Hybrid Learning Model starting 2nd Semester

As indicated on January 8th, Spectrum has been awaiting the opportunity to consult with our Regional Support Team (consisting of representatives from the Minnesota Departments of Health and Education) regarding a potential return to the hybrid learning model (for grades 6-12) beginning January 20th. After reviewing the details of Spectrum's plan, the Regional Support Team has confirmed their support to proceed with the hybrid learning model.

Spectrum acknowledges that there are many thoughts, feelings, and emotions surrounding our return to the hybrid model. This includes staff, students, and families. We appreciate your patience, understand, and grace for each other as we reacclimate and continue working together to balance the needs of staff, students, and families.

Student Schedules

2nd semester student schedules are being finalized based on schedule requests, parent survey feedback, and required capacity limitations (by room and building). They will be available in Infinite Campus on Thursday, January 14th. Schedules will also indicate the learning model students have been assigned, and (if hybrid) which days of the week they will be attending on campus (Tues./Wed. or Thurs./Fri.). *For scheduling questions, parents/students should contact their school counselor.*

Transportation

Northstar Bus Lines needs time to finalize bus schedules due to changes in learning models for a number of students. Transportation schedules will be available by Monday, January 18th. *Transportation questions should be directed to Kurt (Northstar Bus Lines) at 763.425.2542 or Darrell Skog, Spectrum's Transportation Director, at dskog@spectrumhighschool.org.*

COVID Numbers and Updates

Prior to moving to an increased online learning model on November 17th, Spectrum had begun providing weekly updates regarding COVID positive and quarantine numbers at the school. This practice will continue as long as necessary once the hybrid model has started up for 2nd semester. Parents will need to continue informing the health clerk if students are symptomatic, have tested positive, or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. More information about updates to the Ready for School Protocol will be sent prior to 2nd semester. *Questions about COVID protocol should be directed to Michele Newberger, Spectrum's COVID-19 Coordinator, at mnewberger@spectrumhighschool.org.*

Reminder: Calendar for next week

- Monday, January 18 – **No students**. This is a grading day for teachers at the end of the first semester.
- Tuesday, January 19 – **No students**. As encouraged by the Minnesota Department of Education, this will now be a professional development day for teachers and staff to prepare for the second semester learning model.
- Wednesday, January 20 – While this will continue to be a school day, it will be reserved only for Advisory at 10:00 a.m. (same as typical Mondays).
- Thursday, January 21 – This will be the first full school day of second semester (A Day). Thursday/Friday students on campus. Tues./Wed. students online.
- Friday, January 22 – This will be a full school day (B Day). Thursday/Friday students on campus. Tues./Wed. students online.

Thank you, as always, for your feedback and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Dan DeBruyn
Executive Director