



Audubon Public School District

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Dear Audubon School Community:

In just one week, our students will be back to school. As always, the safety of our faculty, staff and students is paramount. The COVID protocols and procedures for the opening of school are included below:

- **Contact Tracing.** Contact tracing will occur through self-reporting. Parents are reminded to self-report positive COVID cases and potential close contacts to their child(ren)'s school nurse. Our school nurses and administrators will not be formally conducting contact tracing in school. **Please be aware that the District may be unable to communicate whether or not a child has had a recent exposure to COVID-19 in the school setting.** Stakeholders should take this into consideration when selecting their own health and safety practices as well as when they present with illness. The District will continue to share the building-based District COVID report on Tuesdays,
- **Facemasks.** Facemasks will be voluntary. Students are to be reminded that **the choice to wear or not wear a mask is an individual decision** and is not to be discussed in a negative or demeaning manner. The administration will follow all policies and regulations as these interactions may need to be addressed under the Code of Conduct or the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying policies and regulations. Because of the sensitive nature of masking, **our faculty and staff will not monitor the voluntary wearing of masks.** Parents should be sure to communicate the District's behavior and their family's mask wearing expectations with their child(ren),
- **COVID Symptoms.** Students and staff that are **experiencing COVID-like symptoms are not to report to school or work,**
- **Quarantine.** Based on current CDC and DOH guidance, **COVID confirmed positive students and staff, will be required to remain home for days 1 through 5;** if asymptomatic, they may return to school or work as of day 6; however, **on days 6 through 10, masks are required** in all environments except when eating or drinking. Students that are being monitored, will be assigned an alternate lunch location. **Students that cannot properly and consistently wear a mask on day 6 through 10 will be sent home,**
- **No-Remote Option.** There is **no remote option for employees or students as a result of COVID.** Virtual instruction has been eliminated for students who elect to or are required to quarantine due to COVID-19. Students will be provided opportunities to make up work similar to other illness days. Many assignments will be available through Google Classroom and our other digital platforms.
- **Cleaning Protocols.** **The District will clean high touch areas frequently;** this includes bathroom facilities. All instructional spaces and offices will be electrostatically sprayed after school days, and
- **Hygiene.** Students and staff will be reminded about appropriate social distancing and hygiene practices. Parents are encouraged to reinforce these communications with their child(ren).

These procedures will be revisited in late September - early October. Any changes will be shared with the school community. Be healthy. Be safe. Be Audubon Strong.

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In partnership with our students, families, and communities, the Audubon Public Schools will educate all students by providing motivating and challenging learning experiences embedded in technology that prepare them to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels, in a safe setting of mutual respect, in order to develop ethical, productive citizens who will contribute to the local and global community.