August 17, 2021

COVID-19

Dear EHS parents/guardians,

We are at the one week countdown until the 2021-22 school year begins. Woo-hoo! We cannot wait to have our hallways and yards filled with joyful children. We want to send you a few COVID reminders and updates on the most up-to-date information so that we can ensure a safe and smooth start to the year.

We are so excited for the school year to start and are committed to creating a safe, healthy, and inclusive school and community. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding as we proceed with cautious optimism during these complex times.

With gratitude from your COVID Compliance Officers, Peggy, Saundra, and Tiffany

Reminders

- Every child must submit a negative COVID-19 PCR test to us prior to the first day of school. Tests must be taken on or after August 16 and turned in to us by Saturday, August 21. Please send your negative results to our nurse Tiffany Paulsen at tpaulsen@echohorizon.org.

- Echo Horizon, in keeping with state and county guidelines, will require masking on campus both indoors and outdoors, with the exception of while eating and drinking.

- We ask that any student who has COVID symptoms not come to campus. If your student has symptoms, please contact Nurse Tiffany Paulsen at your earliest convenience. She will
advise you as to next steps. The student will not be allowed to return until they are authorized to do so by their doctor or our nurse.

- We will be asking parents to complete the daily health assessments on Magnus Health again this year. Thank you in advance for your diligence in doing this each morning before dropoff.

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**New and updated information**

**COVID Testing**
- We will put into place biweekly drive-through COVID testing since our students are unvaccinated. This biweekly testing is required. We have selected the following dates for September and October. Our faculty/staff will also participate in testing.

  - **Monday, September 13 from 3:30-5pm**
  - **Friday, September 24 from 2:30-4pm**
  - **Friday, October 8 from 2:30-4pm**
  - **Friday, October 22 from 2:30-4pm**

**Events and parent/guardian visiting policies**
- As we stated in our [August 10th letter](#), we will host a variety of events this year and will decide whether these events will be in-person or online based on our ability to keep everyone safe. Please carefully check the Tuesday Bulletin and school calendar to confirm whether an event is virtual or in-person.

  - For in-person events, we will prioritize holding them with small groups in outdoor settings.
  - We will require masks at all on-campus events, except when we are eating and drinking.
  - We reserve the right to require proof of vaccination for some on-campus events.
  - While we will minimize having parents inside the building, in the event that you need to enter, you will need to fill out a health screening, undergo a temperature check, wear a mask, and be limited in your movement around the building.

**Campus pledge**
Last but not least, we require that the parents/guardians of each student complete our “Community pledge” as we know that the health and wellbeing of our students is interconnected. Our individual actions impact our community wellbeing. Please complete this pledge (linked below) and send it to Nurse Tiffany in the same email as your negative COVID test result.

EHS Return to School Parent/Guardian Pledge

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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