

Jan 18, 2021

Dear OSSD Community,

My thanks to the expanded cabinet for meeting on Sunday afternoon to do a final review of conditions and preparations. Based on our analysis and discussions, tomorrow (January 18th) is a go:

Reminders

- If you are able to transport your own student(s) to and from school, please do so, as this will allow for more social distancing on our busses.
- It is critical that parents fill out the health screening survey questions each day as this helps save time in the mornings as we are trying to get students in from the cold. In all cases, the health questionnaires can either be filled out and turned in on paper or can be completed online.
 - ***It is vital that parents are honest on these questionnaires***, we have had several incidents recently where folks falsified their responses. ***This is unacceptable!*** COVID does not spontaneously spring to life in a school, it is brought in from the outside – ***the screening form is the primary tool we have to keep COVID out of our district, making honestly critical to our ability to maintain our operations.***
- Further details specific to your student's school have been emailed out via the principals and are available on their local websites.

RUHS

- Grades seven and eight will return to the hybrid modality tomorrow (Monday).
- Students will follow their normal hybrid rotation – it is imperative that students who are supposed to be meeting in-person on a given day, are actually meeting in-person – it is incredibly hard to keep students on track without that face time.

Athletics

- Practices will resume tomorrow. Athletes, please remember that an additional fifteen minutes has been added to the start of your practices to ensure there is enough time to re-screen all students. Even if you were screened in the morning before entering school, you will need to be screened again before practice.

Braintree and Randolph Elementary Schools

- Tomorrow, grades K-2 return to full in-person instruction four days per week: Monday through Thursday.

Brookfield Elementary

- Tomorrow, grades K-3 return to full in-person instruction four days per week: Monday through Thursday.

RTCC

- Will transition to full in-person instruction four days per week (Monday through Thursday) ***beginning on January 25th***.

Final Thoughts

- We will be operating under a sustained model. In general, if we have a COVID positive case, we will only shut down if we need more time to ensure we have identified and placed into quarantine all close contacts. In these cases, the scope of what is shut down will be minimized to only what is absolutely necessary. Please know that while our goal is to minimize disruption, we will respond in whatever way is necessary to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

Most Sincerely,

Layne Millington
OSSD Superintendent