



October 20, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, and Staff:

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these last few weeks, as we moved to full remote learning in efforts to decrease the effect of COVID-19 in our district. At this time, with data indicating the number of COVID-19 related cases decreasing in the district and fewer staff and students in quarantine/isolation, **we plan to reopen our schools to the hybrid learning model on Monday, October 26.** The district is hopeful that no other situation will arise to alter this return plan.

In order to prepare for the return to hybrid learning, the district will be turning on the Stay Well screening emails beginning Wednesday, October 21. For October 21-23, these emails will go to all parents/guardians of students on the hybrid learning model. This will assist the district to accurately track the health status of our students and help to keep our schools safe and healthy. Beginning Monday, October 26, you will receive the screening surveys only on days your child is scheduled to come to school.

As a reminder, we require that parents/guardians monitor their children's health each day they attend school. This includes checking for symptoms of COVID-19 (including but not limited to cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches, loss of taste/smell, etc.) and taking children's temperatures. If the child has symptoms or a fever of 100 degrees or higher, the child must stay home from school. We ask that parents contact the school to let us know of any health-related situation.

In addition, if your child or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 or has been in direct contact with a person who is positive for COVID-19, your child must stay home and we ask that you please contact your school so that we can assist the Chemung County Health Department with contact tracing.

We understand this move to 100% remote learning has not been easy. We hope that the COVID impact in Horseheads does not necessitate this move in the future. To this end, we ask that everyone please practice safety measures including wearing masks, maintaining appropriate distance, regularly washing your hands, and most importantly avoiding unnecessary outings, gatherings, or contacts outside of your immediate household. These measures are very important in efforts to minimize the effects of the virus in our community and keep our children in school.

Thank you for all you are doing to assist with our children's learning and safety. If you have questions, please contact the main office of your child's school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools

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