

February 11, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The district would like to thank you for your vigilance and assistance with pandemic safety protocols, updates to district procedures, and test distribution. We believe we are moving in the right direction. As a reminder, the district must follow New York State guidelines for safety protocols.

Governor Hochul has directed school districts to distribute home COVID test kits to all students prior to the February recess. As a result, the Horseheads district will be sending a test kit home with each student on Friday, February 18. The governor is asking families to test students at the end of the February recess prior to returning to school. Our recess is February 21-25. We will share additional details next week once we have finalized the details of the distribution plan. We expect to have another test distribution after the February break, again as directed by the governor.

The governor has stated that after the break, the state will look at several data points in the decision-making process regarding COVID-19 restrictions, and the state expects to make an assessment in early March. Until that time, the state mask mandate remains in place for schools. If you would like to contact the governor regarding this issue, please go to this link: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>, or call 518-474-8390.

We remind you that the district's most up-to-date procedures and protocols are on our website at this link: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDealthsafetyguide2021-22.cfm>. If you have questions, please contact your school office.

Spring Athletics

Here are the registration links and schedule for spring sports for grades 7-12. If you have questions, please contact the Athletic Office at 607-739-5601, x4254 or email cdetaeye@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Varsity and JV – Opens this Saturday, February 12; ends March 12:

[SPRING 2022 - Horseheads Varsity and JV Spring Athletics Registration \(Spring Teams: Boys Baseball, Girls Golf, Boys/Girls Lacrosse, Boys Tennis, Boys/Girls Track and Field, Girls Softball\) | FamilyID](#)

Modified – Registration site will be open February 19 to March 19:

[SPRING 2022 - Horseheads Modified Athletics Registrations \(Sports Available: Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, Boys/Girls Lacrosse, Boys/Girls Track and Field\) | FamilyID](#)

Unified Basketball – Registration site will be open March 5 to April 2:

[SPRING 2022 - Horseheads Unified Athletics Registrations \(Coed Basketball\) | FamilyID](#)

Sincerely,



Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools