

Dear Falcon Community:

Our school year is off to a great start! It is great to see our students begin the school year smiling and eager to learn.

While we are reverting back to many of our normal, pre-pandemic procedures, I would like to notify you of some Covid related guidelines that remain in place:

- If your child develops Covid-like symptoms, please keep them home and contact your child's physician.
- As a reminder, we are no longer conducting individual contact tracing or determining the number of minutes individuals were within six feet of one another. You will receive notification if an individual in your child's class, bus, or cafeteria table tested positive for Covid. As long as your child remains asymptomatic, they may continue to attend school regardless of vaccination status.
- If your child tests positive with an at-home test or test administered by a clinician (doctor, nurse, clinician at testing site), they will be excluded from school for five days per New Jersey Department of Health guidelines. Absences will only be excused with a positive Covid test result from a clinician.
- If your child was identified as a close contact and presents Covid-like symptoms, a negative test performed by a clinician is required to return to school.
- Because we are no longer quarantining students identified as a close contact, streaming virtually into the classroom is not available.

Please contact your child's principal or school nurse should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above protocols. Please contact your child's physician should you have any questions or concerns regarding Covid-19.

Sincerely,

*Jeanne Howe*