



# INTERBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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December 4, 2020

Dear Interboro School Community,

***This is a reminder to all parents that students will return to in - person learning on  
December 7, 2020.***

As you are aware, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) released a state order [\(complete order\)](#) that requires school districts that operate within a county that is experiencing “Substantial” COVID- 19 spread, to revert to virtual learning if they fall within the number of positive cases, within a school, over a rolling 14 - day period. [The updated recommendations are available on PDE’s website.](#)

Under this order, when a case of COVID-19 is identified in a school setting, the Chester County Department of Health will work with our administrative team to provide guidance and advice related to cleaning and disinfecting, contact tracing, quarantine recommendations, and closing certain areas of the school or entire school buildings if necessary up to 14 days. If case investigations, contact tracing, and cleaning and disinfecting can be accomplished in a faster time frame, the length of closure time may be shortened.

## **Elementary in-person students - Materials and Supplies Information**

While the District’s goal continues to be to provide as much time as possible for families to prepare for fully remote learning, situations can rapidly change, and we must be able to pivot to virtual learning quickly.

Therefore, your child’s elementary grade level team has determined what supplies the students will begin to bring to/from school on a daily basis to ensure that they have learning materials at home should we shift quickly to remote learning. Such items may include workbooks, manipulatives, and supplies that will be transported to and from school in the students’ backpacks.

It will be important that all elementary students bring a backpack with them to school next week so that they can work with their teacher to pack the necessary supplies and materials. Drawstring bags are not recommended, as the bag should be larger and more durable to transport supplies. If your family needs a backpack, please contact your child’s school counselor/administrator.

## Devices

Elementary children who are returning to in person learning on Monday should bring their charged devices with them to school. Beginning on December 7<sup>th</sup>, elementary children will begin bringing their devices to and from school on a daily basis. Below is some general guidance and care instructions for District-loaned Chromebooks:

- To minimize the possibility of accidental Chromebook damage, the District will provide a Chromebook case to all students taking a Chromebook home. Students will transport their Chromebooks and its charger in these school-issued carrying cases and will store them in secure locations when not using them. For elementary students, make sure the quick card for login is with the case.
- Students will keep their Chromebooks and their Chromebook cases clean with no attached stickers, no writing, or other items that might deface or damage the Chromebook or case's finish, screen, or other components. Avoid storing devices in extreme temperatures and areas with high moisture.
- Please use an alcohol-based cleaning solution (70% or greater) if the device needs to be cleaned. Never spray solution directly onto the device, instead spray on a dry cloth. Ensure that the device's surface is dry before closing the lid and storing it away.
- Always have your Chromebook fully charged when bringing it to the classroom.

## **“Nurse’s Notes”**

Please review the **UPDATED “Nurse’s Notes”** that are included within this communication. It addresses symptom monitoring, travel, and new protocols regarding siblings of students that are presenting symptoms of COVID - 19.

If at any time schools must revert to virtual, the District will continue to provide free breakfast & lunch meals at your local community school for all students. Meal pickups are on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30 – 5:30pm. No sign up is necessary.

The District will make every effort to provide timely information to parents if schools need to revert to virtual.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



Bernadette C. Reiley  
Superintendent of Schools

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## "NURSE'S NOTES 12-4-2020"

### **Reminder to all Parents/Guardians:**

As we return from virtual learning, it is important to continue to call or email your school nurse with any information concerning individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms within your home, test dates/results, or if you or your student(s) have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 during virtual learning. It's important that we collect all data as we continue to work closely with the Chester County Health Department during this time. We appreciate your assistance and continued cooperation.

### **Symptom monitoring, Siblings, and Travel**

*In an effort to keep our students and staff safe once we return to school after the holidays, The Interboro School district is adding safeguards to the guidance currently followed by the Chester County Health Department. Our schools have been doing a good job at keeping the spread of the virus from the classrooms. Our contact tracing with the Chester County Health Department has revealed that close contacts within households and large gatherings outside of school have been significant sources of spread of COVID 19. We want our schools to remain open and making these efforts will hopefully keep us in person.*

**Symptom Monitoring:** With an abundance of caution and acknowledgement of the increasing positivity cases in the area, any student that presents to the nurse's office with **ONE** symptom in Column A or Column B listed below will be sent home and will need to stay home for the timeline discussed after speaking with the school nurse. If your child has any **ONE** of these symptoms prior to leaving for school in the morning, we ask that you keep your child home and contact the school nurse to inform them of your child's symptoms.

Column A <u>One</u> or more of the following symptoms:	Column B <u>Two</u> or more of the following symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lack of smell or taste (without congestion)</li><li>• cough</li><li>• shortness of breath</li><li>• difficulty breathing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fever/elevated temperature (temporal 99.5 or higher or orally 100.3 or higher)</li><li>• sore throat</li><li>• chills</li><li>• muscle pain</li><li>• fatigue</li><li>• headache</li><li>• congestion/runny nose</li><li>• nausea</li><li>• vomiting</li><li>• diarrhea</li></ul>

**Siblings:** The Interboro School District may ask families to keep siblings of students presenting with COVID like symptoms home until COVID- 19 testing is complete, before determining a plan. Currently this was often done only when known exposures were present. Due to the current rates of infection, community spread illnesses and out of an abundance of caution, we will ask siblings to remain home as well. Should you choose not to have a student tested we may identify them as a probable case and siblings will be considered close contacts. This will keep siblings out for 14 days following the last exposure to the sibling unless they become symptomatic or test positive as well.

**Travel:** If you and your family are traveling outside the state for over 24 hours, your child must quarantine for 14 days upon return before returning to school. Please contact the school nurse to discuss the return to school plan. We understand new guidance has come out from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Until clarification is received from the Chester County Health Department, the Interboro School District will continue to require a 14-day quarantine. This is out of an abundance of caution due to increased positivity rates in the county.

**Health Information:**

Please send in any updated immunization records, physical or dental exam reports ASAP. According to the regulations, students without proper documentation of required immunizations will be excluded from school. Pennsylvania school immunization requirements can be found in 28 Pa.CODE CH.23 (School Immunization).

Please call or email your school nurse with any questions or concerns.

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**We thank you for your continued support!**