

January 14, 21

Re: COVID-19 Return to In-Person Instruction

Dear Reynolds Families,

Last night the Board officially approved the return to in-person instruction. This letter provides the details surrounding the return to in-person instruction and continuation of our virtual program.

All students may return to in-person instruction on January 19<sup>th</sup>. In-person instruction will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. In-person instruction students will complete schoolwork at home on Wednesday.

Students that wish to remain in virtual instruction may do so. These students should log in to Google Classroom to receive posted lessons on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesdays, virtual instruction students will participate in Live Online Instruction and should follow their class schedule. This time will be dedicated to receiving real-time support from teachers.

### **Challenges Ahead**

This return to in-person instruction comes with challenges. Reynolds' return to in-person instruction is subject to the [November 24, 2020 Order](#) from the Secretary of Health. Under Section 2(B) of this Order, Reynolds must comply with the [Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case\(s\) of COVID-19](#) when the District is providing in-person instruction in a county with substantial transmission. Accordingly, the District will implement the attached chart if COVID-19 cases enter our buildings.

As you will see, as few as two COVID-19 cases in 14 days can cause a building to close for 3-7 days. This time may be shortened if case investigations and contact tracing can be completed in a faster time frame. Unfortunately, assistance from the Department of Health has been very slow or nonexistent.

As of this letter, Mercer County remains in the "Substantial" category of transmission of COVID-19. Families may want to develop a plan in case intermittent closures are required. If the District must take this undesired step, the affected students and staff will transition to full-remote learning for as short a time as possible.

Staffing restrictions may also cause these closures. Reynolds teachers and staff members that contract the virus or are close contacts must quarantine. Reynolds will exhaust all appropriate staffing solutions to cover these challenges. Despite these efforts, additional short-term virtual instruction may be required.

*To prevent this unwelcomed disruption, all students and staff must follow the daily screening tool. Any student or staff member that meets the criteria on the form must stay home. Another copy of the screening tool is attached for your convenience.*

I welcome the opportunity to see our students back in school. I hope you will all join our efforts to follow the rules that will allow us to continue to deliver in-person instruction for the remainder of the year. Thank you for your efforts and patience this year.

Sincerely,

John Sibeto  
Superintendent

<b>Level of Community Transmission in the County:</b>	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:</b>		
	<b>1 student or staff</b>	<b>2-4 students/staff in same school building</b>	<b>5+ students/staff in same school building</b>
<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School does not need to close</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school(s) for 3-5 days</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school(s) for 14 days</li> <li>• Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
<b>Moderate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School does not need to close</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school for 3-7 days</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school(s) for 14 days</li> <li>• Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
<b>Substantial</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>• Close school(s) for 3-7 days</li> <li>• Clean areas where cases spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>• Close school(s) for 14 days</li> <li>• Clean entire school</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine.</li> </ul>

**Reynolds School District  
COVID-19 Daily Screening Tool**

**Please review the following before sending your child(ren) to school each day.**

<b>COVID-19 Symptoms</b>	
<b>Group A Symptom</b>	<b>Group B Symptoms</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fever (100.4°F or greater)</li><li>• Cough</li><li>• Shortness of breath</li><li>• Difficulty breathing</li><li>• New concern relating to your sense of smell</li><li>• New concern related to your sense of taste</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chills</li><li>• Sudden feeling of cold and/or shivers</li><li>• Muscle aches not caused by physical activity</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Sore throat</li><li>• Nausea or vomiting</li><li>• Diarrhea</li><li>• Fatigue</li><li>• Congestion or runny nose</li></ul>

Your child must stay home if you or your child

- Has one or more symptoms in Group A **OR**
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B **OR**
- Are taking fever reducing medication to manage fever like symptoms

**You child must stay home if your child has been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days even if your child has no symptoms.**

**Please contact the District's Health Office if your child is at home because of this screening tool.  
Elementary – Mrs. Elder 724-646-5601 x6650 High School – Mrs. Mirizio 724-646-5600 x7718**

If your child meets these criteria when they arrive at school, they will be quarantined and sent home immediately.