

# School Reopening Committee Meeting

Rocky Hill Public Schools  
Tuesday, October 5, 2021

# Updates on COVID-19

- **Executive Order 12A has been extended through February 15, 2022.**
  - Masks required in schools regardless of vaccination status.
  - Vaccine mandate in place for all BOE employees and covered workers.
- **Some good news - the delta variant appears to have peaked and infection rates are now trending downward in our state.**
- **We must still remain cautious as we take small steps towards the “return to normal.”**
  - Berlin - over 100 students in quarantine on October 1
  - Rocky Hill - 27 students and 1 staff member in quarantine on October 4

# Review the Current Status

- RHHS all sports and clubs are up and running
- GMS all sports and clubs are up and running
- Fire prevention assemblies scheduled for later this month at the elementary schools
- School pictures are scheduled for the fall
- Resources for families/community posted online including the COVID dashboard, IT assistance, reopening plan, and BOE meetings
- Virtual Open House Scheduled for Kick-Off on October 12, 2021

# Potential Modifications to the Board's Reopening Plan for Consideration

# High School Spirit Rally

## Spirit Rally at RHHS:

- Boost school spirit
- Discussed during public comment at BOE meeting on September 16
- RHHS has tentatively reserved October 22 (rain date October 29)
- McVicar Field
- Open for Seniors (Class of 2022) only
- Social distancing will be required

# Fall Dance For Juniors And Seniors At RHHS

Fall Dance at RHHS:

- RHHS has reserved November 20
- Include juniors and seniors
- Masks will be required

# Easing Restrictions On Town of RH Sporting Events

## Parks and Recreation and Travel League Basketball:

- Two parents permitted for the home team only, everyone must wear a mask and socially distance if not in the same family
- Town of RH will be responsible for enforcing these rules

# Easing Restrictions On Music Classes

Chorus and woodwind instrumental play in grades 5-12 to occur indoors with the following mitigation strategies:

- Distancing of 9 X 6 around singers and woodwind musicians
- Masks while singing in choral ensembles
- Instrument covers and masks for musicians

# Preparing Students For College & Careers

Resuming some programs previously in place to support students with college and career readiness:

- Job shadowing opportunities for select students at RHHS
- In-school presentations from colleges, including one from Goodwin College to speak to students in the manufacturing/materials course
- Other college recruitment opportunities

# Allowing Virtual Afterschool Activities

Virtual afterschool activities for elementary schools:

- Moser preparing to offer virtual STEM Club
- Other virtual clubs and activities may be considered in grades K-5 with principal approval
- Modify Visitors Policy to allow for adult community groups to use schools at night, e.g., Athletic Booster Meetings, Band Parents, Little League Advisory Board

# Restrictions That Should Be Maintained

Consider maintaining the following restrictions:

- No singing in grades K-4 (unable to socially distance students)
- No in-person after school activities in grades K-5 (currently our most vulnerable, unvaccinated students)
- No fall drama productions at RHHS and GMS (instead begin preparing for a spring performance - perhaps at Elm Ridge Park)
- Limited outside visitors during school hours

# Recommendations to the Board

- RHHS - Spirit Rally
- RHHS - Fall Dance for juniors and seniors
- Sporting events for Park & Recreation and Travel League Basketball - 2 parents per RH athlete
- Chorus and instrumental play in grades 5-12
- Activities that prepare students for college and career
- Virtual afterschool activities in grades K-5
- Modify Visitors Policy to allow for adult community groups to use schools after school hours, e.g., Athletic Booster Meetings, Band Parents, Little League Advisory Board