

Highlights

We Are Rappahannock!

Health & Safety Bulletin- Aug. 9, 2021

Masking Policy

To ensure the safety of our students, teachers, and staff, we will be using a data-driven, dynamic decision-making matrix used last year to respond to Covid cases in our community and schools. Our protocols are subject to change should local case numbers indicate a need for enhanced safety mitigation procedures.

On the School Bus- By federal order, **all individuals are required to wear a mask while on a school bus**, as required for public transportation.

In the School Buildings- At this time, August 9th, **unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to wear masks in the school building**. At any time, the School Board may implement universal masking protocol should case numbers indicate a need.

Our next regularly scheduled school board meeting will take place, on Tuesday, August 10th at 6:30 pm in the RCHS Band Room. In the event the Board decides to implement a universal masking protocol, **please be prepared for the possibility of having to send your child to school with a mask on the first day of school**. Masks are also available in each classroom.

Important Dates

Monday, August 9th- Meet the Teacher Day 1-4 pm & 5-7 pm

Monday, August 9th- 8th Grade Orientation 6:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, August 10th- School Board Meeting at 6:30 pm **in the RCHS Band Room** (New location)

Wednesday, August 11th- First day of school for students

Announcement

Based on the forecast and predicted heat index, we are asking all families to please send their child/children to school with a refillable water bottle and dressed appropriately for hot weather.

Important Reminder for Families

Please help us reduce the chances of a short-term switch to distance learning or classroom quarantines by keeping your child at home if you think they may have been exposed to the virus or if they have any symptoms:

- *Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
- *Sore throat
- *Cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
- *Difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, a change from baseline breathing)
- *Diarrhea or vomiting
- *New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

If you have any questions or need more guidance regarding a possible exposure, please call your child's school nurse. They are here to assist you while keeping our students and staff safe.

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Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep all of our students and staff safe and healthy.

