

HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear High Point Community:

In a few weeks, High Point will open for the 2021-22 school year. We eagerly await the return of our students, and we look forward to the liveliness of a campus bustling with excitement, learning, laughter, challenges and achievements.

For 17 months our students and staff have persevered through unprecedented circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. While this letter addresses several health and safety protocols which will remain in effect for the *immediate future*, it is with a great sense of hope, and genuine optimism that we look forward to a full and robust school year; one that sees us overcome the final stages of the pandemic and increasingly welcomes the return of normal school experiences for all students. We ask for your patience, and for you to join us in a spirit of optimism and continued perseverance as we enter the 2021-22 school year.

General Information:

- High Point will be open to all students, for five full days of school each week. Instruction will be in-person. We have no plans for using cohorts, or having a hybrid or remote system of instruction.
- Freshman Orientation will take place on Thursday, September 2, and the first day of school for all students will be Friday September 3.
- More details regarding the opening of the school year will be communicated in the coming days by our principal, Mr. Jon Tallamy.

Health & Safety Protocols & Related Information: ([NJ 2021-22 Health & Safety Guidelines](#))

Masks:

- As per Gov. Murphy's [Executive Order 251](#), all students, staff and visitors will be required to wear a mask while indoors.
- Some exceptions (respiratory illness, extreme heat, rigorous physical activity, eating/drinking) to this mandate are permitted.
- Masks will not be required outdoors. In Physical Education classes, the requirement to wear a mask while indoors will depend upon specific class activities.

- Masks will be required at all times on school busses.
- During lunch, students will wear a mask while moving throughout lunch areas, but will be allowed to remove masks while eating lunch.

Social Distancing:

- The NJ Department of Education is not requiring students or staff to practice social distancing. Where practical, reasonable efforts will be made to minimize crowding and utilize available spacing.

Daily Health Screenings:

- Students and staff will not be required to complete a daily wellness form. Those who are symptomatic are expected to remain home and to follow the [criteria for school exclusion](#).

Contact Tracing and Quarantining:

- Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 10 days. They may return after 10 days if they are symptom free.
- Students and staff who are **not vaccinated** and who have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 14 days.
- Students and staff who are **vaccinated, or who have a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the past 90 days**, will **not** be required to quarantine.

Privacy of Students and Staff:

- Should contact tracing become necessary, the school will notify those involved and provide pertinent information and quarantining protocols. Parents and staff will not be required to submit personal medical information for these purposes. High Point does not believe it is appropriate to collect an individual's medical information as part of our implementation of these health and safety protocols.

Related information will continue to be communicated as we approach September, We will continue to work closely with the New Jersey Department of Education and the Sussex County Department of Health, and to follow directives from Governor Murphy with fidelity.

The safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community members is always our first priority. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we prepare for our first full day of school for all students on Friday, September 3.

Sincerely,



Scott D. Ripley, Ed.D.
Superintendent