March 6, 2022

Dear Arlington Community,

It has been a joy to visit our schools and to see the smiling faces of our students! While some students were overjoyed to remove their masks, others chose to continue wearing masks for a variety of reasons. Thank you to our staff and to our parents who reminded our students to respect their peers’ choices to wear or to not wear a mask. It was heartwarming to see the countless examples of kindness and support that I witnessed in our classrooms throughout the week.

On March 2, New York State issued updated COVID19 guidance for schools. We are in the process of updating our Reentry Guidelines to reflect these changes. Please note the following:

If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. Students who have diarrhea, vomiting or a fever will not be able to return to school until they are clear of all symptoms for 24 hours without the use of medication. Students with other COVID related symptoms, such as congestion, coughing, sneezing, or a sore throat, are required to submit a negative home test in order to return to school. Send a photo of the test with the student’s name and the date to the school’s health office.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID19, please contact your school or supervisor ASAP. They should stay home and isolate for a minimum of five days. They can return to school after five days if they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication and their symptoms have improved. If you test positive for COViD19, students and staff must wear masks on return to school during Days 6-10 of their isolation period.

Students and staff are encouraged to wear a mask if they have been exposed to COVID19 within the previous 10 days.

Our school nurses may ask a student to put on a mask if they deem it to be medically necessary.

Arlington will discontinue our Test to Stay Program effective Friday, March 11.

If a student/staff member has a known exposure to COVID19, it is recommended, regardless of vaccinations status, that they test upon learning of the exposure and five days after the known exposure. If an individual is unvaccinated, this is strongly encouraged.

We will now accept the results of home tests. Send a photo of the test with the student’s name and the date to the school’s health office. Please call your school if you would like us to send a test home with your child or if you would like to pick one up. Nurses will send tests home with students who are sent home from school after exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID19.

Please note that weekly surveillance testing of unvaccinated staff remains in place.

We thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate these changes.
March 8 Board of Education Meeting
The March 8 Board of Education meeting will be held at Traver Road Primary School and will be broadcast on YouTube. Watch the meeting on the Arlington Communications YouTube Channel.

Governor Hochul’s Executive Order allowing for virtual meetings expires on March 16. Beginning on March 8, community members wishing to make a public comment must attend the meeting in person. Please click here for more information.

Transportation to Private or Parochial Schools
If your child will be attending a private or parochial school this fall, please submit a Non-Public Transportation Request Form by April 1.

Thank you
February 22 was Bus Driver Appreciation Day and March 4 was Maintenance and Groundskeeper Appreciation Day. I invite you to visit our Facebook page to add your thanks to these hardworking individuals! We appreciate all of their efforts to keep our kids safe on their way to and from school and to keep our buildings clean and beautiful.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dave Moyer
Superintendent of Schools