

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear South Brunswick Families,

As we anxiously await the return of your children in a few days, I have attached an updated [FAQ](#) for this school year. Like you, we as educators have been reading and following along with all of the updated and current news related to COVID and the impact on both education and the world in general. While we had hoped for a return to pre-pandemic conditions, we clearly are not there at this time.

The information flow is also challenging and while this is a lengthy [FAQ](#), I wanted to outline a few of the more frequently asked about topics here in a short form so you have it at your fingertips.

General Health and Safety:

- Our buildings are outfitted with high level **ionic air scrubbers** that meet or exceed all air filtration recommendations in regard to COVID.
- **Social Distancing** will occur as often as practicable. 100% of our faculty and students are in the buildings at the same time, making this difficult and in some instances, not possible.
- **Masks** are required at all times while indoors for staff, students & visitors.
- **Vaccines** are not required for students, however, all staff are either required to be vaccinated by October 18th, or undergo weekly COVID testing.
- Parents will be asked to screen their children daily prior to sending them to school. Sick children, or children who have been exposed to COVID **MUST** stay home with no exceptions. **This remains our #1 defense against spread.**

Is virtual learning an option?

- **No**, the Governor has clearly stated on multiple occasions that virtual learning cannot replace a child's in-person programming. As of today, nothing has changed in this regard.
- We have received many questions on homeschooling. Here is a basic primer to homeschooling. [Homeschooling FAQ](#)

Travel Rules:

- **Vaccinated** students are not required to quarantine after travel.
- **Unvaccinated** students may be required to quarantine after travel. Parents need to know and understand the rules prior to making plans. [Please click here](#) for the most current guidelines.

Quarantine:

- **Vaccinated** students and staff only quarantine when they are COVID positive or have COVID-like symptoms that meet the State's definition.
- **Unvaccinated** students and staff will also have to quarantine if they are found to be close contacts to a COVID positive individual.
- Quarantining obviously causes a disruption to learning. As a result, we have developed a plan for when a student is forced to quarantine due to COVID. Please follow this link to this plan. [QUARANTINE INSTRUCTION MODEL](#)

The above is just a snap-shot on some of these topics as it relates to the questions we have been receiving. The [FAQ](#) has a longer and more detailed list of questions and answers for you to review.

I wish I could tell you things will be perfectly smooth, but I do not want to over-promise. I can say that we will be diligent in supporting our students and families during these trying times and will be ready to pivot whenever needed or mandated.

We are excited to see the buses roll in on Thursday and our students joining us for in-person learning. We do know that a large number of our students have not been inside a school building since March of 2020 and we are planning for this reintegration. We are also aware of the nerves associated with this return and know that we are all in this together!

Best to all and welcome back to the 21-22 school year,

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Scott