

**From:** Dr. Steven Caponegro  
**Subject:** 2021/22 Reopening Plan (general items)  
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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

As discussed in previous communications, the district is preparing to return back to an in-person, full-day instructional model in September for all students. We will continue to plan and adjust accordingly to changing guidelines and recommendations, and we will continue to provide you with updates as these changes take place. Below are some bullet points to assist with our September Reopening Plan ideas and transition.

- **September 2021 Return**
  - All students will return to a full-time, full-day, in-person instructional model for the 2021-2022 school year. [Governor Murphy Link](#). State/local health department recommendations for September will guide the district's instructional model and we are anticipating and planning for the loosening of restrictions involving schools. Our goal in the Florham Park School District is to return to as much normalcy as possible!
- **Masks**
  - Though mask requirements are subject to change based on Executive Orders by the Governor, masks are still required by the State of NJ for students within the school building.
- **Lunch**
  - Masks can be removed for drinking/eating purposes within the school, but at 6' apart.
  - Should this continue to be a requirement for the schools in September, the district is already prepared to offer lunch to students at 6' apart to meet these guidelines.
  - The PTA will be contacting you shortly regarding the lunch program for the 2021/22 school year.
- **Desk/Table Shields**
  - After discussions with our local health department, due to our current region's status, desk/table shields will be removed following the end of the 2020/21 school year.
- **Sanitizer**
  - The district will continue to offer sanitizer as an alternate means to disinfect hands when handwashing is not practicable. The application will adhere to guidelines/recommendations by the State and our local health department. Students/staff will still be permitted to use their own sanitizer products for the 2021/22 school year.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities**
  - The district is prepared to offer extra-curricular activities at all schools, including sports at RMS. Athletic Sports Forms and information

including physicals for RMS students are found at the following [health link](#).

Though overwhelming at times this year, I truly thank you for taking the time to read these important communication messages and updates. Should you ever have any questions regarding our preparation to reopen in September and return to a full-time, full-day, in-person instructional model, please do not hesitate to contact the district. Again, many of these guidelines outlined above may change prior to September as the State loosens restriction guidelines. Should these guidelines change or others such as social distancing and quarantining requirements, what is considered a *Close Contact*, etc., we will certainly communicate this information to you.

Thank you again for your support!

- Dr. Caponegro

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