

Dear Parents/Guardians & Staff,

First and foremost, I hope that everyone is safe after yesterday's storm. Mr. Infantolino (Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds) and I met with PSE&G earlier today after assessing all of our schools and grounds. Unfortunately, PSE&G was not able to provide us with a timeframe for when our area would fully operational. They did recommend to remind the public that many branches and trees may still be compromised; therefore, please keep watch for falling branches, etc.

This past Monday (8/3/20), Governor Murphy stated that all students are [now required to wear a face mask/covering](#) if attending school in-person this coming September. The prior guidance provided in the Governor's [The Road Back: Restart and Recovery For Education](#) required students to wear masks/face covering only if they were in a crowded area and could not stay 6 feet away from each other. Therefore, students in the Florham Park Schools will continue to also have the advantage of having desk/table shields in place as detailed in our [re-opening plan presentation](#) in addition to the Governor's revised mask/face covering order.

Due to the recent storm and power outages, our September Reentry Survey due date has been extended to this Friday (8/7/20) and is available at <https://forms.gle/oRTY1zDvvPfMqmVv9>. Though the Governor's new order requiring masks/face coverings for students may have changed your decision, this survey is NOT your final decision for your child's reentry placement, as that document will be sent out shortly. This survey is being used to assist the District with planning and coordination.

To assist with maintaining safe habits for wearing masks/face coverings and to increase endurance, please see the following links below:

How can I prepare my child to wear a face covering in school?

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Helping Kids Get Used to Masks \(KidsHealth\)](#)
- [5 Ways to get your kids to wear masks \(CNN\)](#)
- [Cloth Face Coverings for Children during COVID-19 \(AAP\)](#)
- [Tips for getting young kids to wear face masks \(Cook Children's Health Care System\)](#)

- [Helping Individuals with Autism Wear Face Masks \(Autism NJ\)](#)
- [How to help your child adapt to wearing a mask \(Behavioral Interventions/Solutions LLC\)](#)

Why wear face masks/coverings?

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Helping Kids Get Used to Masks](#)
- [Coronavirus Face Masks and Protection FAQ \(Johns Hopkins Medicine\)](#)

How do I support my child in developing safe habits for wearing a face covering?

- [How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings Safely \(CDC\)](#)
- [How to Wash Cloth Face Coverings \(CDC\)](#)
- [Wearing Face Coverings \(CDC\)](#)
- [How to Wear a Medical Mask Safely \(WHO\)](#)
- [Face Masks Do's and Don'ts \(CDC\)](#)

More information will be forthcoming as to the specific protocols for the district and each school. Thank you for reviewing this information.

-Dr. Caponegro

"Sometimes we're tested not to show our weaknesses, but to discover our strengths." – Unknown