

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Oceanair Families and Students,

The reopening of schools in Virginia after the prolonged closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic requires the implementation of a comprehensive plan of re-entry for staff and students. Dr. Byrdsong, our Superintendent of Schools, school board members, the Norfolk Public Schools District Leadership Team, and individual schools have worked tirelessly over the past several months to develop a plan to safely return to in-person instruction and operations. You will find information in this packet on the health mitigation strategies and protocols that are being followed throughout this process.

All students and staff will complete a pre-screening questionnaire before reporting to the school building or any Norfolk Public Schools sponsored event/activity. All students and staff members must self-monitor for symptoms related to COVID-19 virus. If any signs or symptoms of infection are present, the individual (staff or student) **should not report to school**. If symptoms arise while at school, the individual (staff or student) will be sent home and referred to a healthcare provider. The questionnaire (see below) should guide decisions about the infection status.

## **Daily COVID-19 Pre-Screening Questionnaire will include:**

- Are you currently ill or caring for someone who is ill? (YES / NO)
- Do you have any of the following? (YES / NO)
  - Fever or feeling feverish
  - Chills
  - Sweating
  - Shortness of breath
  - Cough
  - Fatigue
  - New loss of taste or smell

- Diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Rash

If the answer is “yes” to **any** of these questions, the employee or student’s parent/guardian should immediately notify the school. The employee or student must **stay home**.

It is important to also note that all students and staff are required to wear face coverings/masks at all times. Remember this phrase: ***Face coverings are the rule, not the exception.***

In the hybrid model, students will adhere to their schedule, A or B day. Wednesday will remain an Asynchronous at-home learning day. **House “A” students** will attend in-person learning on **Mondays and Tuesdays**, and **House “B” students** will participate in-person learning on **Thursdays and Fridays**. It is imperative to follow the schedule presented to you and your child. Students will be provided daily with a grab and go breakfast and well-balanced lunch. The cafeteria will only serve breakfast and lunch items.

I encourage you to read this document and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) carefully as you consider your options to return via the hybrid model or by way of our Virtual Scholars Academy (VSA). I understand that this can be a challenging and emotional decision for every family. In creating this plan, we have provided you with information on safety guidelines and learning options for your families.

Norfolk Public Schools has developed a new webpage that provides consistent messaging related to learning options and school division operations. You are encouraged to visit this webpage frequently for the most up-to-date information as decisions continue to be made throughout this process: [Updates on Return to In-Person Instruction and Operations](#).

If you have any questions regarding this plan or would like to discuss any specific needs pertaining to your student, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to discuss your questions and concerns as we work together to educate your child.

Yours in Education,



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