



Dear Norfolk Public Schools' Parents and Guardians:

I trust that you have been enjoying the long holiday weekend. As you may be aware, Governor Youngkin issued several executive orders on his inauguration date of January 15, 2022, that will impact PreK-12 schools throughout the Commonwealth. Please know that we will continue to keep you updated on these executive orders and specifically how they may affect the existing daily operations of our schools.

At this time, Norfolk Public Schools will continue to adhere to our existing health and safety protocols as outlined in the NPS Health Mitigation Plan, which includes a requirement for the wearing of masks while on school buses and within our schools and division-wide facilities. The NPS administration will continue to collaborate with and follow the expert guidance of our local health professionals of the Norfolk Department of Public Health as well as the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Moreover, we will continue to work closely with the City of Norfolk School Board to make decisions that prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff.

As always, we appreciate your continued partnership and will share with you updated information, as needed, relative to any changes to our existing health and safety protocols and other pertinent areas of operation.

Sincerely,  
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