

Dear New Haven Families,

I am hoping that everyone was able to get some relaxation time during this summer break and are ready to start the 21-22 school year. During the summer, New Haven Community School District ran an eight (8) week program. This program provided a variety of academics as well as some enrichment for our students, and now we are ready to kick off another wonderful school year!

If you do not already know, New Haven Community School District is 100 years old this school year! We will have clothing available for purchase which will have our new 100 year logo on it. We are also working on other events to help celebrate New Haven turning 100!

At last night's board meeting, we finalized the [safety protocols](#) we will be using for the start of the school year. I have outlined these protocols for you and attached the sheet to this email.

We know that we will not please everyone with decisions that were made, but we did look to establish a middle ground. Please keep in mind that we must still quarantine students who have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID, but quarantining is slightly different for students wearing masks compared to students not wearing masks. Students not in masks will be quarantined if they were not farther than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more from a positive case. Students in masks are quarantined if less than 3 feet for 15 minutes or more. For any students 12 & up who have been fully vaccinated (2 weeks after the 2nd shot) They will NOT have to quarantine even if exposed.

For parents with students 6th grade and under, masks are mandated unless you fill out and return the [opt out form](#) to their teacher on the first day of school. I have attached that form to this email as well. We feel strongly as a district for students 11 and under who are not eligible to be vaccinated, that we know where each parent stands in regards to their child and masking so we can help support that decision. (You can find the [Safety Protocols](#), [Mask Requirements for Transportation](#), and [Opt. out form](#) on our website under the COVID-19 Tab)

We will continue to monitor the start of the school year, and if positive cases start to occur in a building or across the district, we will reconvene as a team to discuss what needs to be done. Please reach out to me if you have any questions. I too look forward to the day where we can get back to a more normal school year and COVID will just be a distant memory.

As a reminder, Rocket Day for all schools will be on September 1, 2021. More information on the school home page. We have also included the [District Revised School Calendar](#) as of August 3, 2021. This pdf can be found on the district website as well.

Thank you again, and enjoy your last 2 weeks!

Cheryl Puzdrakiewicz, Superintendent

New Haven Community Schools