July 9, 2021

Dear Audubon School Community:

It’s hard to believe that three weeks have passed since the last day of school. On Tuesday, September 7, 2021, we will return to full-day in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year as directed by the Governor and the New Jersey Department of Education.

The district administration has drafted a Safe Return to School Plan that incorporates the federally required components. The plan focuses on 8 mitigating strategies in order to maintain the health safety of students, educators, and other staff:

1. Universal & Correct Wearing of Masks (Our facemask expectations are under review)
2. Physical Distancing (e.g. Cohorts/Podding)
3. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette
4. Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities
5. Contact Tracing
6. Diagnostic and Screening Testing
7. Efforts to Provide Vaccinations
8. Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities with Respect to Health and Safety Procedures

We are looking for stakeholder input as this plan is refined prior to the opening of schools. A Safe Return to School Plan; Community Survey is included here and on the District Website. Please feel free to comment and communicate as often as you feel necessary. A formal community forum will be held in late July or early August.

The regional COVID numbers have risen to the MODERATE level. Our comparison numbers for case rate, COVID-like illness, positivity rate, and overall activity level (a combination of the three scores), are included below:

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<th>Southwest Region (Week Ending)</th>
<th>Case Rate %</th>
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<td>July 3, 2021</td>
<td>1.40 - Yellow Moderate</td>
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<td>1.22 - Green Low</td>
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If any families are interested in meals over the summer, Nutri-Serve has provided us with a flyer that identifies local Nutri-Serve districts that will be providing meals to any child age 18 and under regardless of eligibility status. The United State Department of Agriculture also has a summer meal finder site; this link includes all districts providing summer meals.

Be healthy. Be safe. Be Audubon Strong.

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Superintendent of Schools

In partnership with our students, families, and communities, the Audubon Public Schools will educate all students by providing motivating and challenging learning experiences embedded in technology that prepare them to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels, in a safe setting of mutual respect, in order to develop ethical, productive citizens who will contribute to the local and global community.