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Dear Students and Parents:

Protecting the health and safety of our students and staff members has always been the District's top priority. Looking ahead to the start of the 2020-2021 school year, our schools will be prepared to maintain a safe and healthy environment based upon a multi-pronged [school safety protocol](#).

On school days, while at home and before leaving for school, each student will be expected to complete a quick self-check for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection. Completed online using a personal mobile device or school-assigned iPad, the symptom check will provide an immediate date stamped confirmation message. Adhering to the mantra "*If ill, stay home,*" students with symptoms will not be allowed to come to school. Rather, a parent should report the absence to the school and then follow up with a physician for further guidance. The student may connect to the classroom remotely.

The District's Transportation department has adopted procedures to safeguard student well-being including the expectation that all school bus riders wear a face mask. Students will load the bus back to front with only one student per seat and will unload in reverse order. School busses will be disinfected between bus routes and will be deep cleaned at the end of each school day.

Each school will have designated entrances where students, while wearing their face masks, will display the at-home symptom-check confirmation message indicating they are symptom free. As they enter the school, students' body temperatures will be measured using thermal scanning cameras. Any individual with an elevated temperature will be escorted to the school nurse for further evaluation of readiness to attend school.

Throughout each school day, the custodial maintenance team will disinfect all high-touch surfaces such as railings and door handles. Additionally, common areas, such as hallways and cafeterias will be disinfected. After school and during the evening, the entire school will be deep cleaned to prepare for the next day.

Students' movement within the school will be controlled by a combination of the bell schedule and hallway traffic patterns. Each period of the day will include an assigned space for each student to report. A combination of one-way and divided hallways will disperse students as they travel from one class to the next. Passing periods, 15 minutes in length, will be staggered to minimize time students might be in close proximity to one another.

Meals will be available for students participating in either remote or in-person learning.

We know that frequent handwashing is one of the best strategies to minimize the spread of infection. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands throughout the school day. In addition, hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and throughout the school building to enhance personal hygiene.

We are mindful of current data trends associated with COVID-19 and continually monitor guidance from State and local health officials to determine the optimal model for opening District 211 schools. The safety protocols identified above are intended to protect student and staff well-being. In any of our scenarios, we will only bring students and staff members into our schools when we have confidence that everyone who walks through the doors will be safe.

To review all information previously sent regarding the start of the school year and see the Frequently Asked Questions document, please visit the [Back to School August 2020](#) webpage. The [survey](#) is still available and can be used to send in questions that will allow us to update the FAQ document. On July 22, you will receive details regarding the first few weeks of the school year.

Sincerely,

Lisa Small  
Superintendent

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