

# Miller Place Union Free School District

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Re: Updates on Playgrounds, Transportation, Elementary District Devices and Student Return to School Protocols

Dear Miller Place School District Community,

I hope this message finds you well and settled into the new school year. Please see below new developments regarding playgrounds, transportation, and elementary District devices, as well as updated protocols for COVID-19 symptomatic students returning to school.

## **PLAYGROUNDS**

AMPS and LADSBS playgrounds will reopen on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 for student use during recess. Students will continue to wash their hands before and after recess.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

In an effort to minimize virus spread and to trace students on buses, students will only be permitted to go to and from school on their assigned buses. Students will not be granted permission to go home on another bus for playdates or single day childcare issues.

## **ELEMENTARY STUDENT LAPTOP COMPUTER ROLLOUT**

The District is in the process of finalizing the rollout of laptops for our 5th graders, which should be completed in approximately one week. Once completed, we will schedule a distribution date for parents of 5th graders to pick-up their child's device. Additional information, with specifics, will be forwarded to parents at a later date.

Each day we reconfirm the delivery date of the laptops we ordered in April 2020 for our K-4 students. We are pleased they are still scheduled for arrival in approximately two weeks. It is our intention to have our IT staff devoted to this initiative as a priority, have the devices configured for our networks, and be able to schedule a distribution date for parents of K-4 students to pick-up the last week of October or the first week in November. Additional information, with specifics, will be forwarded to parents at a later date.

## **STUDENT RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOLS**

As per the updated September 30, 2020 Reopening Schools Plan, as approved by the Board of Education, the following practices are now being followed for students to return to school. Please note, students who have been sent home from school with COVID-like symptoms are no longer required to get a COVID-19 test to prove they are not COVID-19 positive.

## **COVID-19 Return to School Protocol for Students:**

**I - If the student is COVID-19 symptomatic (either sent home or based on information from a parent):**

The student will need to be seen by a healthcare provider and can return to school with **either**:

A copy of the negative COVID-19 test result, improved symptoms and must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines; **or**

Documentation from the healthcare provider explaining an alternate diagnosis with clearance to return to school, improved symptoms and must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines

**II - If the student has had close contact with anyone who has a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days:**

Close contact is defined as: within 6 feet of the individual for at least 10 minutes without wearing a mask

The student must quarantine for 14 days

If the student becomes COVID-19 symptomatic refer to section I

**III - If the student has traveled to a restricted state or area outside the U.S.:**

The student must quarantine for 14 days

If the student becomes COVID-19 symptomatic refer to section I

**IV - If a student tests positive for COVID-19:**

The student must remain in isolation until the Suffolk County Department of Health has released the student from isolation

Regarding quarantine timing: “**Last date of contact**” is defined as the last time you were in contact with the person, not the first day.

Thank you and congratulations on making it through the first month of school. Wishing us all a wonderful weekend.

Stay Informed ~ Stay Safe ~ Stay Positive.

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano  
Superintendent of Schools