

Miller Place Union Free School District

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Re: District Reminders and Updates

Good Evening Miller Place School District Community:

Please review the following reminders and/or updates:

School Calendar

Emergency Release Drill – Wednesday, November 25, 2020

The District will be conducting the annual mandatory emergency dismissal drill. Each school will be dismissing students approximately 15 minutes earlier than their normal dismissal time. Parents should expect students to be dropped off at their bus stops approximately 15 minutes earlier than their normal drop-off time.

Elementary Virtual Parent-Teacher Conference Day - Monday, December 14, 2020

There will be no K-5 student attendance.

Notification of Positive COVID-19 Students and Staff

Over the holiday season, if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, and the District is closed, **please do not wait** until school reopens to notify us. Please call the Safe School Hotline to report the information (it does not have to be anonymous) and an administrator will contact you. You can call the Safe School hotline at (800) 418-6423, extension 359. In addition, information regarding how to text, or submit information electronically, can be viewed on the District website:

<https://www.millerplace.k12.ny.us/domain/865>

Holiday Gatherings and Travel Information

Please consider the recommendations of Governor Cuomo, the New York State Department of Health and the Suffolk County Department of Health that include, but are not limited to:

- Limit the number of people gathering indoors and outdoors
- Practice social distancing at all times
- Wear a mask or face covering except when eating

Please recognize the urgency of the rising COVID-19 positive cases and we are seeking your cooperation in order to keep our schools open during and after the holiday season. We understand the various levels of frustration, as many of us are feeling exhausted from COVID-19 restraints, fears, and uncertainty for nearly nine months. However, studies continue to indicate that COVID-19 spread is not happening in schools, but rather at community events outside of school. Please help us control the spread within our community by following the recommendations noted above.

If a staff member or student has traveled to a restricted state or an area restricted outside the U.S.:

1 – If the staff member or student travels for **less than 24 hours**:

- The staff member or student must complete a State Travel Information Form and take a COVID-19 test four (4) days after their arrival in New York.

2 – If the staff member or student travels for **more than 24 hours**:

- The staff member or student must obtain a COVID-19 test within 72 hours preceding their departure from that state, must quarantine for at least three (3) days following their return to New York, and must obtain a second COVID-19 test no earlier than day four (4) of their quarantine.
- If both COVID-19 tests are negative, the staff member or student may exit quarantine upon receipt of the second negative test.

3 – If the staff member or student does not submit to the early release from quarantine testing protocols, (numbers 1 and 2) they must quarantine for fourteen (14) days.

Additional travel advisory information is available on the following New York State website:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

Please help us control the spread within our community by following these recommendations.

Thank you all for your ongoing cooperation and support. We will continue to keep our community informed as we pay close attention to rising cases, as well as state and county guidance.

On behalf of the Board of Education and administrative staff, we wish our school community a safe and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano
Superintendent of Schools