

ST. BRIGID/OUR LADY OF HOPE REGIONAL SCHOOL

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COVID-19 Updates

Dear Families,

There are several recent changes to COVID-19 guidance that you should be aware of.

- There is no longer a requirement for testing or quarantining for international travelers.
- The CDC has advised and NYS has accepted that six feet of social distancing may be reduced to three feet **as long as masks are worn**.
- Six feet of social distance must be maintained while students are eating.
- Pods need not quarantine and go remote unless there are two positive COVID-19 cases.
- There is no evidence that COVID-19 is spread through food or touch. Gentle use of balls and other sports equipment is allowed.
- Our consultant has advised us to have children continue to wear masks and maintain separation of pods during Physical Education class.

Guidance suggests that mask wearing, proper ventilation, social distancing, and hand hygiene are the most effective ways of preventing the spread of COVID-19.

It is strongly recommended that individuals with symptoms or an elevated temperature self-quarantine and seek medical attention.

We have been able to maintain six feet of social distance in all of the classrooms so far, even with many children changing from remote to in-person instruction. Starting tomorrow, the students in the second grade pod will be less than six feet apart. They will continue to wear masks in the classroom as they have since September. Second graders will begin having lunch in the cafeteria in order to maintain six feet while they are eating. We will have two other pods join them for lunch in the cafeteria. Fourth grade and 7A will be the two additional pods in the cafeteria.

Thank you for your continued support as we slowly, safely and carefully return to more normal conditions.

Yours truly,
Mr. Clagnaz