

# GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Glen Rock Parents:

I hope this letter finds you and your children well and enjoying your summer break. The Glen Rock School District is finalizing its Safe Return Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. This plan, which is a requirement of the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Funds Application, identifies procedures and processes that will be in place for opening of schools this September.

All schools will be returning to a traditional school year with full days and with all students attending school in-person each day. Please be advised that with the expiration of Governor Murphy's Executive Order, virtual instruction is no longer an option for students. Furthermore, all extra-curricular activities, cafeteria and transportation operations will run as they typically do in a traditional school year.

The Safe Return Plan will detail protocols for masks, physical distancing, cleaning, quarantining, etc. This plan is being developed following guidance provided in [The Road Forward](#) from the New Jersey Department of Education and in consultation with the school physician, the Glen Rock Board of Health and Glen Rock Office of Emergency Management.

We understand not everyone will agree on all of the elements of our Safe Return Plan, such as those pertaining to whether or not mask-wearing is required for unvaccinated or vaccinated staff and students. Speaking for myself as a parent and superintendent, I eagerly look forward to the day when wearing masks is no longer necessary. However, we are continuing to follow current [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and local health department guidelines, as we have for the past year and a half. We appreciate your continued support as we navigate this ongoing global pandemic.

Some of the highlights of our Safe Return Plan are:

- Physical distancing of three feet will be maintained to the greatest extent possible throughout all school buildings.
- A daily pre-screening survey is not required this year; however, parents are asked to screen their child daily for symptoms and to not send their child to school if sick.
- Quarantining rules are still in effect for anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 (unvaccinated or vaccinated) and for unvaccinated individuals who have COVID-like symptoms or who are designated as a close contact. Quarantining rules are detailed in the plan.
- As previously stated above, a decision regarding masks will be made and disseminated towards the end of August as we await and review additional data such as community spread and vaccination rates within the community and surrounding areas.

More on these and other topics will follow as we get closer to returning on September 9th, 2021 and as we anticipate changes in guidance from the NJDOH and/or the CDC. Parents that have questions should contact their child's building principal. In addition, we ask that High School and Middle School parents complete our [HS/MS Student Vaccination Survey](#) and provide proof of their child's vaccination to their school nurse; completing this survey is **voluntary**; its goal is to provide the district with data on the number of students who have been vaccinated.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 9th in what we hope will be a traditional school year that is as normal as possible.

We are Glen Rock Schools.

Sincerely,



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