

August 6, 2021

Dear Spackenkill Community,

I hope you've been enjoying summer. As you are probably aware, there has been a lot of discussion lately about recent COVID-19 guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC), [New York State Department of Health](#) (NYSDOH), and [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) (AAP). Although we were expecting guidance from the NYSDOH, they have made a decision to *not* provide guidance, prompting a [letter from the New York State Department of Education](#) (NYSED).

We did hear today that NYSED will be releasing guidance next week. We will process that guidance, in conjunction with reviewing information from CDC, AAP, and the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH), in order to determine our protocols for the fall. We will keep you in the loop. Please stay tuned for updates.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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