

August 20, 2020

Good Afternoon,

I have received two telephone calls about the decision not to permit the wearing of neck gaiters or bandanas. This decision was made based on a variety of factors. First, there is some emerging information on the topic. Second, the material of the gaiter is very important, and we can not be certain that all being worn into school would meet the requirements. Lastly and most importantly, we have received concerns from a few of our unions about both of the aforementioned matters. In an effort to show support for our staff and out of an abundance of caution, we decided not to permit the wearing of neck gaiters or bandanas. Again, I know this may be another frustrating issue, but in my role, I have to balance a lot of factors in making decisions for the district. The interests of staff is one of those factors. You can imagine that we are being presented with a wide range of concerns, questions, and demands, and we need to address each in a way with the least impact on students. If your child needs a mask, we have plenty to provide. Please contact your building administrator, and they can assist you.

### **Additional Resources for Families and Staff**

Again these resources were gathered by teachers, nurses, and administrators in our Wellness COVID Recovery Team. Please feel free to share them with others.

<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Video Link:</b>
Infection Prevention for Covid-19	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VggtqozWzBQ&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VggtqozWzBQ&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>
How to clean and disinfect your home	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYEk4b6uKcM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYEk4b6uKcM</a>
Staff requiring gowns/gloves/masks/face shields	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDbNLbhld8M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDbNLbhld8M</a>
Mental Health	<a href="https://youtu.be/xzNMABRELPg">https://youtu.be/xzNMABRELPg</a>
Infection Prevention for Covid-19	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VggtqozWzBQ&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VggtqozWzBQ&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>

### **School-Based Communications**

Starting Monday, all families will receive school-based information about the upcoming return to school. Administrators have worked very hard to develop materials to communicate to students and families that will answer questions and concerns. As always, if you have additional concerns or questions, please feel free to contact your building administrator directly.

## Food Service Survey!

In light of the unusual circumstances this year, the Food Service Department is conducting a survey to determine how many students at the Middle and High Schools will be participating in lunch service, and when and where it is most convenient for students and parents to pick up meals.

Please note that students will be charged for meals during the school year unless they are eligible for free meals. Grab & Go meals will be offered during dismissal each day for those middle and high school students who are in school during the day. Meals will also be offered for those not in school during off days, and those that are distance learning, which can be picked up in different locations in town.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScal5DN2zDWz6HIW67YqnxDGWhC8WH2ry-sxKsQxEF4Sobh2Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScal5DN2zDWz6HIW67YqnxDGWhC8WH2ry-sxKsQxEF4Sobh2Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Make it a great weekend.

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