



Cleary School for the Deaf

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Dear Cleary Families,

On Tuesday evening, August 31st at 6:00 pm, Cleary School for the Deaf held a Zoom meeting to discuss our school's Reopening Plan. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend. We have placed a copy of the presentation on our website for all to review. You can also review our Reopening Plan on our website.

Please note the important highlights of this information:

1. On Aug. 27th the Commissioner's Determination was announced. This is emergency legislation that was just enacted. It reads as follows:

Effective immediately, in accordance with the Commissioner's Determination issued pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.60, any person over the age of 2 (including all students, personnel, teachers, administrators, contractors, and visitors) must wear masks at all times indoors in P-12 school buildings, regardless of vaccination status. People with medical or developmental conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask may be exempted from mask requirements, as documented by a medical provider. People do not need to wear masks when eating, drinking, singing, or playing a wind instrument; when masks are removed for these purposes, individuals must be spaced six feet apart. All mask requirements must be applied consistently with any state and federal law (e.g., Americans with Disabilities Act).

2. All students will be receiving in person instruction as much as possible. Remote options will only be used in the event of a mandatory quarantine period.
3. Masks will be worn by all inside school buildings, except as noted in the Commissioner's Determination.
4. Mask breaks will be provided at appropriate times throughout the day.
5. A minimum of 3 feet social distancing will be in place throughout all classrooms and spaces.
6. Frequent hand washing, sanitizing and layered prevention strategies will be in place daily.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions at any time. I can be reached at abecker-santa@clearyschool.org. For a list of all Cleary administrators and their contact information, please visit our website.

We look forward to seeing them Thursday, September 2nd, the first day of school!

Sincerely Yours,

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Administrative Coordinator of PPS