



# FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221

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August 2020

Dear Cardinal Families,

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and enjoying these beautiful, sunny days. I want to touch base on a few things as we prepare for our return to school in just a few weeks.

Last year we emphasized the theme of a Cardinal Family. Our number one goal is to keep all students and staff healthy this school year. This requires a team effort amongst parents, students, and school staff. If we treat each other like family, our students are going to see another successful year of growth in lots of ways.

I am going to ask you to be proactive with your children over the next few weeks. Bring up questions and concerns they may have and answer them honestly in a way they can understand. Most importantly, please talk about the importance of wearing a face covering.

I have created a video which can be found at <https://youtu.be/L8w1S8zlkxl>. Please watch this together with your student(s). It is a great way to prompt questions they may have, as well as, demonstrate the correct way to wear a mask, and the dos and don'ts around this new face covering requirement.

Wearing masks, encouraging hand washing and social distancing are the new normal. Please continue to model these behaviors for your children and talk with them about why these things are important. Reassure your child that it is ok to be uncertain about these big changes and talk to them about ways you handle the uncertainty. Also, if your son or daughter is required to have a school physical or immunizations, please be sure to schedule these as soon as possible to meet our required deadlines.

Finally, please remember in order for us to ensure the health of all students and staff, parents must certify their child is free of COVID-19 symptoms EVERY DAY prior to sending him/her to school. This must be completed each morning by 7:00 a.m. Please visit the district website, [www.fvdistrict221.org](http://www.fvdistrict221.org), or download our mobile app, where you will find the symptom form. This can be easily accessed from a computer or mobile device. The direct link to the form is:

<https://forms.gle/YrshJiZGPNJHbRsw9>

I look forward to our return in less than two weeks. If you have specific questions for me, please contact me at [jnelson@fvdistrict221.org](mailto:jnelson@fvdistrict221.org).

Sincerely,

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