

September 2, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Following the receipt of guidance from the state, conversations with our local health department, and discussion with the board of education, the district has finalized health and safety information for the opening of school. You may view this information here:

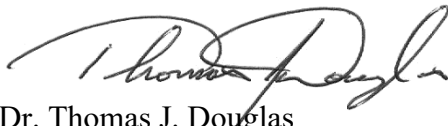
<https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDealthsafetyguide2021-22.cfm> .

As we informed you last week, *the state has instituted a universal indoor mask requirement for all students, staff, and visitors in PreK-12 schools.* This and other information are included in our health and safety guide at the link above.

We appreciate your patience as our Transportation Department worked to finalize bus runs for the new school year. They will be contacting K-12 parents/guardians by phone Friday (September 3) with bus information for your child/children. This information will include bus number, morning pickup time, and pickup location. **Note:** your child's bus number is the same for both morning and afternoon. Please also note that this year's bus information is not on the Schooltool Parent Portal. Any bus information that you may have seen on Schooltool is last year's information and has been removed.

We look forward to the start of school for students on Wednesday, September 8. We are excited to welcome all of our students to five days per week of instruction, and we are hopeful to keep our schools open to in-person instruction as we weather this latest surge in the pandemic. We appreciate your understanding, patience, cooperation, and support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools