

Dear HES Parents and Staff:

Reopening Plan for returning students on January 3, 2022

Due to the increasing Covid transmission rate and how it could impact our return to school after our long holiday break, I have determined that we will implement the following intervention to the Reopening Plan for HES.

Our goal is to keep all of our school community as safe as possible

The reality of HES:

My reasoning is based on the following information:

Three and four year old students cannot be vaccinated.

Immunizations for grades six through kindergarten have just begun

Many students will have been in close contact with many family members and others outside their family indoors and for extended periods of time during the winter break

What exactly is the January 3, 2022, Reopening Plan

The plan is optional, very simple and is as follows:

1. HES has purchased over the counter rapid covid tests for each student
2. Each student will receive an envelope at the end of school on Thursday, with a test kit and instructions - any child not in school will receive their test kit via the USPS
3. Parents are asked to use the test on the evening of January 2 or early morning on January 3
4. Follow the bulleted list for making decisions about sending your child back to HES

- Anyone with symptoms or known exposure should stay home regardless of negative test results
- Any positive -- remain at home and follow up with health care provider for PCR diagnostic testing
- Please report any positive tests to Beverly Danielson - school nurse
- Test date 1/2/22 or AM 1/3/22
- Not recommended for fully vaccinated students/staff or anyone who has tested positive for COVID 19 in last 90 days
- This is a free testing kit for increased safety as we return to be together again
- Screening tool only-- not for diagnosis

5. Our staff will also be doing testing if they have symptoms just before they return to work.

I hope that this Reopening Plan for HES will be seen as one method we have in place to make sure that all of your children are returning to a very safe HES and that their learning will continue in school and uninterrupted for the rest of this academic year.

I wish you all a very Happy Holiday and a wonderful New Year

Dr. Frank Olah, Superintendent