

## **New Morning Routine for Parents & Students Masks & Daily Health Screening**

September 3, 2020

Dear Dobbs Ferry Parents/Guardians,

As the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8th, approaches, I wanted to remind you of two important ways that we are counting on you to help us keep everyone in our Dobbs Ferry schools community safe and healthy.

1. **Face coverings for your child every day**

All students must wear a face covering at all times when they are in the school buildings, on a school bus, and during arrival and dismissal. This can be a cloth-based face covering or a disposable surgical mask. Masks with one-way exhalation valves or vents are not considered adequate for source control of COVID-19 and are strongly discouraged.

We will be providing all students with 2 cloth face coverings on the first day of school and we will have extra disposable surgical masks throughout the buildings for students who forget theirs or if their own face covering becomes soiled.

Now is a good time to have your child practice wearing a face covering for longer periods of time. For tips on how to help your child adjust to wearing a mask, click [here](#) or [here](#). For instructions on how to make your own cloth face coverings for you or your child, [click here](#).

2. **Mandatory daily health screening every morning**

Every day that your child will be coming into any of our buildings (or participating in any school-sponsored activity, such as athletic practice, on school property) you must complete a mandatory daily health screening on behalf of your child, including a temperature check, in the morning before your child leaves home for school. You must complete this screening form separately for each child who is attending school that day.

Please check that you have a working thermometer at home and practice with your child so they are comfortable with this routine when school starts.

We are using a web-based application that can be done on a computer or smartphone and it will take just a few minutes to complete it each morning. Please complete the daily health screening **every morning before your child leaves for school** by clicking on <https://entry.neric.org/dobbsferryschools>. For the first few weeks of school, we will send you an email and text each morning with a link to the screening tool as a reminder. In addition, a link will be available on the front page of our District website and each school's website.

In addition, if you have a QR Code Reader App on your smartphone, you can scan this image and it will take you directly to the screening form. Feel free to print this out and keep it in a convenient spot at home to save you time in the morning.

<https://entry.neric.org/dobbsferryschools/qr>



## COVID-19 Screening Attestation



**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS SCREENING FORM ON THE SAME DAY THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE COMING TO SCHOOL. IT CANNOT BE COMPLETED THE NIGHT BEFORE.**

✓ Parents/guardians must answer "NO" to all of the following 4 questions for their child to be given access to school buildings or athletic facilities on our property:

1. Has your child had any of the following COVID-19 **symptoms** in the past 14 days or at a level of severity or frequency that is more than typical for the individual:
  - Fever or chills (100.1°F or greater)
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue

- Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
2. Has your child had a **positive COVID-19 test** in the past 14 days?
  3. Has your child had **close contact** (defined as being within 6 feet for 10 minutes or more) with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days?
  4. Has your child **traveled** internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the [New York State Travel Advisory](#) in the past 14 days?

✓ Parents/guardians must acknowledge the following statement each morning on behalf of their child:

***"I am doing my part to keep myself and others safe and am following the practices outlined in [New York State's safety protocols](#)."***

I know we can count on our Dobbs Ferry parents to help us with these two important new morning routines so that our whole community can stay safe and healthy.

Thank you for your continued support and please enjoy the Labor Day Holiday!

Sincerely,

*Lisa Brady, Ed.D.*  
Superintendent