

NuView Academy

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we near the reopening of our in-person instructional program on September 21, 2020 at NuView Academy, I wanted to review several important items with you. Before I do, thank you for your patience during this long Recovery and Reopening period. We have come a long way since our health-related emergency closure on March 16, 2020 and the entire NuView team has worked tirelessly to ensure a healthy and safe return for our students. As I discussed during the Virtual Return-To-School night program on September 15th, many new procedures have been put in place to protect our students, faculty, and staff. (You may watch a recording of the Back-To-School night program at this link: https://zoom.us/rec/share/tx2YvHqdsu-rk5_mLGXExwLaKzikf06AicjRI70Z_5DdxD3C1QtunwlxLuqlXY.2gFu8dB_WKYWZZBf?startTime=1600206981000 Pass code: d7Y\$R\$x1).

Please note that the first week of school (9/21/2020 – 9/25/2020) will be Early Dismissal days for all students at 1:00 PM. This will allow time for the faculty and staff to review our safety and cleaning procedures each afternoon. Starting Tuesday, September 29th, we will return to our normal school hours, 8:30 AM – 2:15 PM.

Please note the many changes to our School Health & Safety Procedures:

- Entry and Dismissal
- Items brought from home
- Storage of personal items
- Sharing of instructional materials
- Use of electronics
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Limiting of Visitors to School
- Maintaining Classroom Cohort
- Hand Washing & Hand Sanitizing Stations

Additionally, we have changed and enhanced our School Cleaning & Disinfecting Procedures as follows:

- Classrooms
- Shared spaces
- Bathrooms
- Playground
- Lunch Room

Finally, we ask for your help and below please find the NuView Parent Expectations:

- Genesis Parent Portal and Daily Health Screening Form
- Masking your child
- Up to date phone, email, address
- Food/drinks to school
- Backpacks and other belongings
- Returning from Travel Outside of NJ & Quarantine Requirements
 - Students should stay home if they have travelled to an area with high levels of COVID-19 transmission in the past 14 days.
 - NJ travel advisory list: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-information/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>
- What to do if your child is displaying symptoms
 - Parents should not send students to school when the child is ill.
 - People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:
 - Fever or chills
 - 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

This list does not include all possible symptoms. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

- What to do if your child has been in “close contact” with a COVID positive individual
 - Anyone who has had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 10 minutes) with someone who has tested positive or is symptomatic for COVID-19 should:
 - Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19
 - Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19
 - If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19
- Please notify the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19.
- What we will do if a student is displaying symptoms while at school

- Students with COVID-19 symptoms will be placed away from others in an isolation room and asked to wear a face covering/mask until they can be sent home, unless.
 - Parent/guardian will be called to come and pick up their student. They are expected to come and pick up their student without any delay. The student will be supervised by the nurse or assigned staff member until they are picked up. Symptomatic students may not be transported home on the school bus.
 - The area accessed by the individual with symptoms will be cleaned/sanitized according to NJ Department of Health guidelines.
 - Students/staff who were in close contact with an individual who was ill and had potential COVID-19 exposure will be notified individually by phone and advised to follow Local Health Department guidance.
 - The general school community will be notified by email regarding illness and potential COVID-19 exposure of an individual at the school.
- What we will do if someone from NuView tests positive
 - The school will notify the Local Health Department and provide the all necessary information.
 - Students/staff who were in close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 will be notified individually by phone and advised to follow Local Health Department guidance.
 - The general school community will be notified by email regarding COVID-19 positive individual at the school.

We are very excited to have our students return to the NuView Academy on Monday, September 21, 2020. As we move into this new way of teaching and learning together, please know I am always available to speak with you about any questions you may have. I have every confidence that our entire NuView team will continue to provide the quality instructional programming on which you depend and will do so in a healthy and safe manner.

Stay well and thank you,

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