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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As many of you are already aware, the CDC as well as the Governor recently announced updated guidelines regarding indoor mask wearing, in particular for those individuals that are fully vaccinated. While this is a positive move forward, state and local health officials in New Jersey have not changed this directive for schools so we will continue to "mask up" in the Borough especially when indoors. While many of our staff have been vaccinated, the majority of our students are not and cannot; so we will continue with established protocols that to date have proven to be successful for the remainder of the school year pending future guidance. We will, however, take advantage as much as possible of getting students outside for fresh air, outdoor learning, and much needed mask breaks with the appropriate social distancing always in mind. Many thanks to our Buildings and Grounds department for all their hard work in maintaining and creating some great outdoor spaces for both students and staff.

In regards to travel quarantining, while the Governor also lifted the travel advisory, the state did defer to the CDC, the NJ DOH and local health officials. Since all these groups recommend delaying travel and quarantining but do not require it, Rockaway Borough Schools will do the same and only recommend, but not require quarantining after domestic travel. This new policy goes into effect today with the hopes of getting everyone back into the classroom for in-person learning this last month of school. For those travelling internationally, please consult your individual school nurses for guidance.

As always, thank you for your continued support and help. Please remember we have a long weekend coming up for Memorial Day with both Friday May 28th and Monday May 31st off for the holiday.

Sincerely yours,

Phyllis Alpaugh
Superintendent