Memo from Superintendent,
John Stratton

In The Loop

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HEALTH & WELLNESS UPDATES /

COVID 19 Protocols for 2021

IN PLACE:

- **Social Distance** - Wherever and whenever possible, keep the 6-foot rule in mind when working with students or colleagues. It remains an important part of the close contact determination.
- **Hygiene** - Encourage students to wash hands and use hand sanitizers located throughout the school.
- **Sharing** - Reduce the opportunity to spread germs by minimizing the use of shared classroom materials (to the extent possible).

NEW

- **Face Coverings - STRONGLY** encouraged but optional for students, staff and visitors.
- **Quarantine** - Educators are considered "Essential Workers". Rules regarding quarantine and conditions for the return to work are addressed in two documents. These documents are posted here and to First Class.
  - Staff - Covid Positive
  - Staff - Close Contact
- **Sick Leave** - Emergency sick leave (a total of 10 days) is available for staff who test positive.

Testing

- Staff should use approved testing facilities only. A list of approved providers is available to staff and students here.

For Families:

- Refer friends and family to the district's website to stay up to date on the school district's Covid Protocols - www.HernandoSchools.Org

SOURCES:

- **Governor's Executive Order 25-175**
- **Department of Health & Department of Education Emergency Rule**