

Good afternoon parents, this is Vaughn White, Superintendent of Hesperia Community Schools with a brief message.

Parents, school will begin next week on Tuesday, September 8 and we are extremely excited to see your children back to learning once again. I am sure many of you are concerned about what school will look like this year. I want to assure you that our staff has been back learning the important processes to keep everyone as safe as possible. Beginning school after Labor Day has allowed us to learn from districts that began school this week.

So I want to give you some information that will help us have a safe start. First, there will be some traffic delays when dropping off students at the elementary school. Please be patient as everyone will be new to this process. The elementary school will be communicating more to parents about pick-up and drop-off soon. The secondary school students will enter in the same manner they have before. Everyone will have to have a mask on when entering the building K-12.

Second, there is a likelihood that students and staff may have to be quarantined due to their exposure sometime during the school year. This could be for a specific positive case or this could be as a precaution for someone that has been around a positive case. The health department, through their contact tracing process, will be our direct line of communication regarding any of these situations. If your child has to be quarantined for a period of time, you will be directly contacted by the school or health department. If we have a positive case in the school, I will do a Skylert to all parents letting them know that we have had a positive case and those affected by a quarantine will be contacted directly.

If we have a student that is showing symptoms of Covid in school, we have rooms that they will stay in and will be cared for until parents can pick them up from school and take them to a health care professional. We are thankful to have our school nurse who will be the assessor of these situations.

Now, this is the most critical information. Parents, if your child is feeling ill, you must keep them home. If anyone in your family is having symptoms of Covid, please keep your child home until a Covid test can be administered to know whether the person in the home is positive. Do not send your child to school if someone in your home suspects they have Covid or is waiting for test results.

Our kids have missed a lot of schooling and need a quality education. The staff is excited to have your children back in school learning. Please use precautions so we can keep our Community Spread of Covid-19 as low as it is now.

Have a great holiday weekend.