

Grand Island Central School District

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Dear Grand Island Families:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you with some updates on the status of our secondary instructional model as it relates to the revised New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) guidance that was provided to all schools on April 9, 2021 and as it relates to the letter I sent all families on May 11, 2021.

Today, the Erie County Department of Health announced that with reported COVID-19 cases through Thursday, May 13, the rate for new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents **in the past seven days, is now 91**. This means that according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) thresholds for community transmission, Erie County is now considered in a “substantial” category of COVID-19 risk, **down** from a “high” level of COVID-19 risk.

As a result of the transmission rate declining below 100 per 100,000 in Erie County, elementary, middle, and high schools can now maintain physical distance of at least three feet between students in classrooms.

In my letter earlier in the week I noted that the rates have been falling substantially since April 6.

- April 6 - 337 cases per 100,000 in Erie County
- April 23 - 262 cases per 100,000 in Erie County
- April 29 - 200 cases per 100,000 in Erie County
- May 1 - 184 cases per 100,000 in Erie County
- May 5 - 130 cases per 100,000 in Erie County
- May 9 - 113 cases per 100,000 in Erie County
- **May 13 – 91 cases per 100,000 in Erie County**

Based upon the information shown above, **we are ready to provide five-days of in-person teaching and learning in our secondary schools starting on Wednesday, May 19**. Parents may start checking our transportation routing tool, “e-Link” to determine the new bus schedule for our secondary students. [CLICK HERE](#) for access to e-Link. In most cases, pick up and drop off times haven’t changed. Additionally, you may call 716-773-8890, if you have any transportation questions.

Furthermore, The Grand Island Central School District is excited to partner with the Erie County Department of Health to host a Vaccination Event at Grand Island High School on May 27th from 10AM to 6PM. As you may know, the NYSDOH has recently approved the Pfizer vaccine for children between the ages of 12 and 15 years old. If you are interested in having your child vaccinated, please click the link to schedule the appointment. [CLICK HERE](#) to schedule an appointment for the Pfizer vaccine. You may also wish to call them at 716-858-2929 if you have further questions. All individuals 12 through 17 years of age must have parent/guardian consent. When arriving at our campus, please enter Driveway #5 to park. Enter door 27 and proceed to the back gymnasium in our high school for the vaccine appointment. The second dose of the Pfizer vaccine will be available on June 17 from 10am - 6pm at the same location.

Thank you for taking the time to review all of this important information.

Sincerely,



Brian Graham, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools