

Dear Foxborough Families,

I hope this email finds you well.

On Wednesday, July 29th, the Foxborough Public Schools will hold two Virtual Town Hall meetings to provide an update regarding our return to school planning for September and answer questions from members of the school community. Many of the topics we will cover at these meetings were also discussed this past Monday night at School Committee. Please understand that there are many questions that we will not yet have answers to, but wanted to provide an opportunity to share what we know at this time.

In a previous communication, I shared with you the release of the State's "[Initial Fall Reopening Guidance](#)." This guidance was released at the end of June, with plans to deliver additional school guidance in July. In the last few days we have begun to receive some of this [supplementary guidance](#) which included the following:

- Protocols for responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in School, on the bus, or in the community settings. (July 17, 2020)
- Fall Reopening Transportation Guidance (July 22, 2020)
- Fall Reopening Facilities and Operations Guidelines (July 22, 2020)

In brief, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MA DESE) is recommending that students (grades 2-12) and staff wear face-masks and maintain social distances of three to six feet. Additionally, the Department is also recommending that students at the middle and high school levels be organized into cohorts to minimize the number of daily student to student interactions. This guidance, endorsed by medical professionals, sets the expectation that children need to be back in school this fall while taking appropriate measures to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

During these meetings, we will provide an update regarding what we know at this time, what we still do not know, and the work that is taking place to develop our Back-to-School Plan.

To participate in the Virtual Town Hall meeting, click on the appropriate link below. Questions can be submitted through the chat feature. The meeting will also be broadcast by Foxboro Cable Access.

Elementary Level Virtual Town Hall Meeting: Wednesday, July 29th - 6:00 - 7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82787181387?pwd=REFkYTFrTTIYSWh3RmhwMzBwOFEvUT09>

Passcode: 977750

Telephone: (929) 205 6099 or (646) 518 9805 (**Listen Only**)

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Secondary Level Virtual Town Hall Meeting: Wednesday, July 29th - 7:30 - 8:30 PM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731142010?pwd=SHIKemJYUFpQZytpdXIISkJUUTh6QT09>

Passcode: 794624

Telephone:(929) 205 6099 or (646) 518 9805 **(Listen Only)**

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It is an understatement to say that planning for school with so many unknowns is challenging. Please know that the health, safety, and well-being of our students, families, and staff remains our primary concern for the Foxborough Public Schools.

We look forward to joining you virtually next week.

Sincerely,
Amy Berdos