

OLD COLONY

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Happy New Year Old Colony Community,

I hope this message finds you & your family well and that you have all enjoyed the Winter Break thus far. The purpose of this message is to inform you that on Thursday, December 30, 2021, Department of Elementary & Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffery Riley released updated Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios, with the primary focus being the duration of isolation and quarantining periods. A copy of the updated protocols is <u>available at the following link</u>.

As you know, the Commonwealth has experienced a spike in COVID-19 cases over the course of the last two weeks. We will return to school on Monday, January 3, 2022, with the overarching goal to remain open through the academic year. We encourage all of our Old Colony families, students & staff to remain vigilant regarding COVID-19 mitigation practices as a means of reducing case numbers, preventing future upticks & keeping one another healthy & safe. Please remind your children about the importance of wearing their masks properly covering both the mouth and nose. Recent medical guidance has suggested that the most effective masks are KN95 or at the very least a surgical mask instead of a cloth mask.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or concerns at <u>apolansky@oldcolony.info</u>. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

Anna 2. Polansky

Aaron L. Polansky Superintendent-Director