

Dear Everett Public Schools' Families:

Happy Friday! I hope this finds you well. What great spring weather we are having and Spring Break is a week away!

I am sure many of you heard the announcement the governor made yesterday, adopting the change to three (3)-feet of social distancing for schools as recommended by the [CDC last week](#). We are pleased that with the proper masking and the majority of our staff being vaccinated, we can work on bringing even more students back in to the buildings.

The basics of the governor's announcement include:

- Schools may move to three (3)-foot distancing immediately, but can maintain six (6)-foot if districts choose.
- A 100% remote model must still be provided as an option for students.
- The CDC three (3)-foot guidance only applies to **students**. The guidance for distance between staff, as well as between staff and student(s), remains six (6)-feet.
- The CDC also recommends six (6)-feet of distance between students in certain circumstances, including, but not limited to:
 - When masks can't be worn, such as when eating.
 - If they are middle and high school students that are not cohorted and the community transmission is above 200 per 100,000 population over a 14-day period or test positivity is above 10%.
 - When they are in situations with the express purpose of increased exhalation, such as choir, band, or physical education.
- Masks must still be worn.

Our current [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) is built on a six (6)-foot social distancing model, and must be reexamined. District leaders are in ongoing discussions with association leaders regarding safety protocols. We also need to see how the change may affect schedules for all grade levels. The safety

of our students and employees remains our utmost priority, and we are reviewing this new guidance to determine how and when it can be safely implemented in our schools.

More information will be shared as decisions are made. Thank you for your continued patience and partnership.

Please be safe and be well,

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