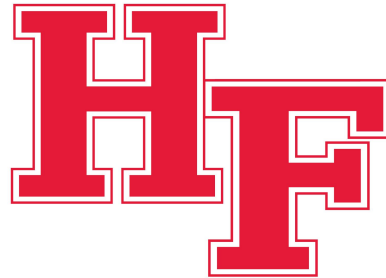


# The HFPA Presents

2021-2022

Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School  
Back-to-School Information Meeting



# Latest School Guidance from ISBE/IDPH/CDC



Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools **must resume fully in-person learning** for all student attendance days, provided that, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-30 and 105 ILCS 5/34-18.66, remote instruction be made available for students who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine or who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, only while they are under quarantine consistent with guidance or requirements from a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"All our students deserve to return safely in-person to schools this fall," said Dr. Ayala. "With vaccination rates continually rising and unprecedented federal funding to support safe in-person learning, and mitigations such as contact tracing and increased ventilation in place in schools, we are fully confident in the safety of in-person learning this fall. We look forward to a great school year and to the energy of Illinois' young minds once again filling our school buildings."

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>



# Safety Guidance for Returning to School

Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) **who are not fully vaccinated.**

CDC recommends schools maintain at least **3 feet of physical distance** between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as indoor masking.



Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.



# Safety Guidance for Returning to School

Many schools serve children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, this guidance emphasizes implementing layered prevention strategies (masking, distancing, testing) to protect people who are not fully vaccinated.

**Schools and communities should monitor community transmission of COVID-19, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and outbreaks to guide decisions about on the level of layered prevention strategies being implemented.**



Our  
Rationale  
for Wearing  
Masks  
Indoors at  
HF

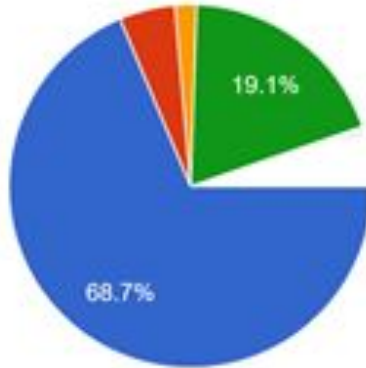
- Due to the increased prevalence of COVID-19 variants we have changed our masking protocol for the start of the school year.
- 3000 students and 350 staff members on campus each day
- Quarantine requirements - when students are masked, no quarentening/missed school of close contacts is required
- Masking already required on all school transportation by ISBE
- Lab classes, music classes and physical education classes masks are needed because of specific environments
- Consideration for unvaccinated family members
- We will continue to monitor metrics and evaluate our practice on a regular basis.



# Family Survey Results (1000 respondents)

Will your student be fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine by Aug. 12, 2021? (\*Two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine)

989 responses



76% of respondents report their student will be vaccinated by the start of school.  
19% report they will not be vaccinating their student.

# Navigators in the Real World

# Mitigation and Prevention Measures

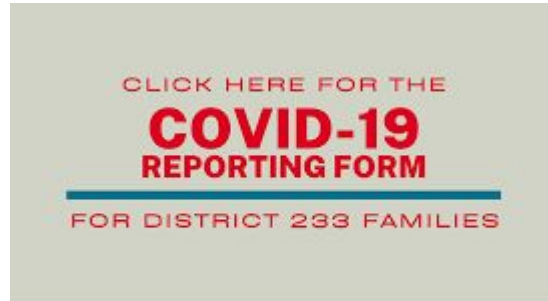
- MASKING & PHYSICAL DISTANCE — When possible, students and teachers will maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance in classrooms. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies. Unvaccinated teachers will remain 6 feet from students.
- ADDITIONAL MEASURES — Air purifiers, handwashing, respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfecting will also be important layers of prevention at H-F.
- Last year, H-F launched a COVID-19 Dashboard at its website to shows data related to cases and quarantines within District 233 Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School and in the District 233 community zip codes. The dashboard — located at <https://www.hfhighschool.org/district-info/covid-dashboard/> — will continue to be updated with new data.
- COVID Flowcharts to help individuals know what to do when.





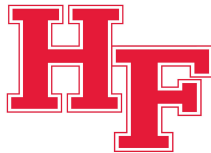
# COVID-19 Reporting Form

Families will be asked again to report COVID-19 cases and quarantines from their households throughout the school year. This reporting form is located on the H-F Website.



# Teaching & Learning

- Students and teachers fully engaged in learning with regularly scheduled class sizes.
- Desks arranged with 3 ft in-between where possible.
- Students will work independently, in partners, and in small groups with appropriate social distancing.
- Students will engage with each other and with content through technology where it enhances or transforms the learning experience. They will also engage without the use of technology.



# Building on Student Strengths

- All students have valuable knowledge, experiences, skills regardless of their experience with school and courses last year.
- Teachers will use available data from last school year to understand their students and their learning needs.
- Through instruction and informal assessments, teachers will learn about students' strengths and learning needs to differentiate instruction.
- Teacher teams met last Spring to analyze the “taught” curriculum and made plans to integrate any missing content or skills into this year’s learning experience.



# First Week of School

## Returning to Campus

### First Days of the 2021-22 School Year

<b>MONDAY, AUG. 9</b> Institute Day: <i>No classes</i>  Fall athletic tryouts begin today!	<b>TUESDAY, AUG. 10</b> Professional Learning Day for Staff: <i>No classes</i>	<b>WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11</b> Teacher Work Day: <i>No classes</i>	<b>THURSDAY, AUG. 12</b> 1st Day for Freshmen, Sophomores & Transfer Students  Welcome to H-F! This day will be a Period 1-7 orientation day for our freshmen, sophomores and transfer students.	<b>FRIDAY, AUG. 13</b> Classes Begin for All Students  Welcome back, Vikings! All students attend Periods 1-7 today.
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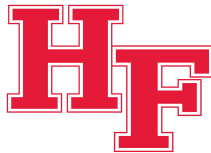


## Thursday, August 12 - New Student Day

On this day, all freshman, sophomores and new upperclassmen students to the district will attend all of their classes and participate in special orientation activities throughout the school day.

## Friday, August 13 - All Students in Attendance

All students in grades 9-12 will attend school (including designated 8th grade students)



# New Bell Schedule Highlights

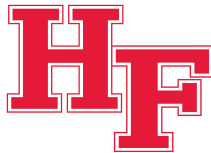
- Viking Compass (Advisory Period)
- Late Start is moving to Wednesdays
- Lunch period enhancements

2021-2022 BELL SCHEDULE — H-F HIGH SCHOOL				
MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Periods 1-7 + Advisory VIKING DAY	Periods 1-2-3-5-4 BLOCK 1 DAY	Periods 7-6-5-4 BLOCK 2 DAY	Periods 1-2-3-6-7 BLOCK 3 DAY	Periods 1-7 + Advisory VIKING DAY
7:30-8:20 a.m. Period 1	7:30-8:33 a.m. Period 1	7:30-8:30 a.m. Staff Professional Learning / Late Start	7:30-8:33 a.m. Period 1	7:30-8:20 a.m. Period 1
8:31-9:12 a.m. Period 2	8:44-9:58 a.m. Period 2	8:44-9:58 a.m. Period 7	8:44-9:58 a.m. Period 2	8:31-9:12 a.m. Period 2
9:23-10:04 a.m. Period 3				9:23-10:04 a.m. Period 3
10:15-10:56 a.m. Period 4A	10:09-11:23 a.m. Period 3	10:09-11:23 a.m. Period 6	10:09-11:23 a.m. Period 3	10:15-10:56 a.m. Period 4A
10:59-11:40 a.m. Period 4B				10:59-11:40 a.m. Period 4B
11:51 a.m.-12:32 p.m. Period 5A	11:34 a.m.-1:35 p.m. Period 5	11:34 a.m.-1:35 p.m. Period 5	11:34 a.m.-1:35 p.m. Period 6	11:51 a.m.-12:32 p.m. Period 5A
12:35-1:16 p.m. Period 5B				12:35-1:16 p.m. Period 5B
1:27-2:08 p.m. Period 6	1:46-3 p.m. Period 4	1:46-3 p.m. Period 4	1:46-3 p.m. Period 7	1:27-2:08 p.m. Period 6
2:19-3 p.m. Period 7				2:19-3 p.m. Period 7



# Viking Compass Advisory Period

- This school year at H-F every student will be given an advisory period — Viking Compass — as part of their schedule on Viking Days (regularly Mondays and Fridays).
- This non-credit class will provide a small classroom environment with students all at the same grade level.
- Viking Compass aims to enhance the personal and academic progress of each student, while also fostering a sense of community within the school.



## Viking Compass Advisory Period continued...

- Viking Compass sets aside time to intentionally build developmental relationships within the school to help students thrive in an expanding global society.
- Students will experience a social-emotional (SEL) curriculum to enhance their competency in the following areas:
  - Self-Awareness
  - Social Awareness
  - Self-Management
  - Relationship Skills
  - Responsible Decision Making
- Viking Compass' supportive environment provides a deliberate balance to the rigorous academic demands of the H-F experience while also guiding students towards personal goals and achievement.





# Student Supports at H-F

The Guidance & Counseling Department works collaboratively to provide a comprehensive developmental counseling program to all H-F students. The goals are:

- To assist students in successfully navigating the high school process while helping to prepare them for post-secondary options
- To advocate for students by acting as liaison to all academic departments, school services and the community
- To provide academic advising, career and post-secondary guidance, and personal/social support to all students



# Lunch Time

- Students will have lunch in a variety of locations.
- There will 3 feet between students.
- Pre-packaged lunches will be available for purchase. Students are also welcome to bring their own lunch.



# Physical Education

- Whenever feasible and weather permitting, educators should select outdoor physical education activities that allow natural social distancing. Masks may be removed outdoors.
- Physical education (PE) classes will be held outside during good weather days.
- On inclement weather days, PE will be held indoors. Students will wear masks.
- Students will be required to change into PE uniforms prior to class.
- During swimming classes, students will remove their masks once they are on the pool deck.



# Athletics & Activities

The Athletic Department at Homewood-Flossmoor High School will follow the IHSA "Return to Athletics" Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The plan will be modified throughout the year to meet the ***fluid recommendations*** from the IHSA, CDC, IDPH, and Office of the Governor.

The Athletic Programs are currently operating as "mask optional" for outdoor sports. All indoor sports must wear a mask.

We encourage vaccination for our student athletes. However, vaccination is not a requirement for participation.



# Music and Theatre



Bell Covers are required inside and outside.

Masks are required indoors and are optional outdoors.

Social distancing will be practiced whenever possible



# Important Upcoming Dates

## Material Pick-up:

Tuesday, July 27 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (Last names A-H)

Wednesday, July 28 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (Last names I-Q)

Thursday, July 29 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (Last names R-Z)

Saturday, July 31 8 a.m.-Noon (All students)

Monday, Aug. 2 1-6 p.m. (All students)

## Health Forms/Physicals - must be done prior to attending school

Incoming Freshmen & Transfer Students: Physical and Immunization Records

Class of 2022 Seniors: Proof of meningitis vaccination



# Important Upcoming Dates

## **New Family Orientation Webinar**

Tuesday, Aug. 3 • 7 p.m.

Zoom link to be posted soon at

<https://www.hfhighschool.org!>

## **Athletics & Activities Webinar**

Wednesday, Aug. 4 • 7 p.m.

Zoom link to be posted soon at

<https://www.hfhighschool.org!>



### **Fall Athletic Tryouts**

The start date for the Fall Athletic Season is Monday, Aug. 9! Each student-athlete and parent/guardian must complete an IHSA Physical Form and registration at <https://hf.8to18.com/accounts/login> prior to the first day of tryouts/practice.

*NOTE: The info below is for the first two days of tryouts only. Coaches will notify the student-athletes of times, location and any special instructions for additional dates.*



## Q & A

Q: Will staff be vaccinated?

A: The majority of staff has been vaccinated, we will be requiring all of our staff to wear masks indoors.

Q: What is the plan for filling the principal position?

A: We are currently reviewing applications and candidates for an interim person and later this fall we will be enlisting the services of a search firm to implement a national search. We look forward to your participation in this process.





# Q & A

Q: I have a specific question related to my students IEP.

A: Please reach out to our Special Education Department for specific programming questions. 708-335-5691 Dr. Angela Taylor, Director of Special Education

Q: Will my child have remote learning as an option?

A: All schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days, remote instruction may be made available for students who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine or who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, only while they are under quarantine consistent with guidance or requirements from a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.



# Q & A

Q: How will 8th grade parents receive information.

A: We will be sending correspondence to all 8th graders that will be attending class on the H-F campus. We will also be contacting the school districts. 708-335-5612  
Guidance Office contact information

Q: Are you planning on having students submit a document showing COVID vaccination?

A: At this time, the State is not requiring students to report and we are able to require documentation.

Q: Will vaccinations be available at H-F?

A: We are planning to provide another opportunity on campus for vaccination



# Q & A

Q: Can students use an ipad instead of the chromebook provided by the school?

Q: How are you planning on reinforcing students wearing masks? How do you know if those not wearing one are vaccinated?

Q: My student and other members in our household are immunocompromised and it is known that though vaccinated we did not get the antibodies needed. How do I safely send my student to full in person?

Q: What is in place for student absences, academically? A kid has allergies causing a cough, school requires COVID test and it takes 3 days to come back negative. Kid has now missed 3 days of school. Make-up work, falling behind... This happened 3x to me with a younger child during summer school at the Jr High.



# Q & A

Q What if they choose to not wear a mask?

Q: Do we have an option to take our child to school by car or by school bus? If my child does take the school bus, are there any safety precautions as far as social distancing/or the number of students on one bus?

Q: If students do come in contact with a COVID -positive person and were without proper masking and need to 10-14 day quarantine, is there a remote option that can occur to prevent loss of instruction time?

Q: Will we need to upload our student's COVID vaccination card anywhere?

Q: So my student came in as a transfer student last year for his sophomore year. But he was home doing online learning the entire school year. So as he returns as a junior this year would he come in for the transfer student day?



# Q & A

Q: My son has never been on campus and I've only been able to see an aerial map of the campus. Are maps available, before school starts, to get a better understanding of the campus? Please email [jbryant@hf233.org](mailto:jbryant@hf233.org)

Q: Can school day begin at 8am as in elearning environment-really helped the students

Q: How do we find out who our child's counselor is?

Q: Will students have use of lockers for PE and for general use?

Q: For sophomores, how were students selected to take the Intro Strat College reading class?

Q: How does taking hot lunch away and replacing it with prepackaged lunch help our students or the school process?



# Q & A

What about buses? Will there be any modifications to the bus schedules and number of students?

When will transportation schedule be given for students who get pickup from their home not the bus stop?

Are the students allowed to carry their backpacks throughout the day?

I came into school for a week during last year do I come on the 12th?

Is there anyway to switch my child's lunch period?

Will there be a tour prior to Aug. 12th? And how will we know where to drop off on the first day?

Do students have to take showers after PE class?



Q & A



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# Thank you for attending!

- Please reach out to any of us with questions.
- A copy of this presentation will be available on the website in the coming days.
- The Questions and Answer session will also be posted on the website.

