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Dear Riverhead Charter School Community,

Happy New Year to you and your families. We are preparing for a rough few weeks ahead and want to do what we can to keep our school open and keep you and your children safe.

Thank you all for your support and patience in preparation for our reopening this coming Monday. As you know, Omicron is a unique, hopefully, short lived challenge and as always we will continue to adapt our protocols accordingly. While we thank you all for the overwhelmingly supportive feedback, there have been a few of our families that have expressed concern and clarification regarding our return to school policy. Please understand that our protocols evolve around Government mandates, the health and safety of our children and faculty, reopening, and remaining open. Below we have clarified and refined our protocols:

- Students and faculty are to complete a COVID test (rapid or PCR) prior to returning to school on Monday January 10, 2022 and at home tests are permissible. Note that testing requirements are waived if you have tested positive for Covid in the last 60 days. **We will be providing at home tests for all students to be picked up tomorrow, Thursday January, 6, 2022 between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM at Riverhead Charter School.**

- Masks will continue to be required indoors and as mandated, however our recommendations for double or improved masking (such as N95/KN95) are highly recommended.

All of our experience and the correlative research indicates that distance learning does not serve children well, both socially and emotionally. That coupled with the challenges associated with delivering instruction concurrently to students in class and students at home make it an option of last resort.

As this is a fluid situation, we will continue to monitor the ever-changing circumstances stemming from COVID-19 and make adjustments as needed. We already have supports in place for students who may need to go remote in order to continue learning and limit disruptions to instruction. You may have read the new CDC guidelines. Some are recommendations and some turn into requirements once adopted by the local authorities. We will continue to follow the guidance of the state and local authorities, and keep you all updated as this evolves.

Test Pickup Date: Thursday 1/6/22

Time: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Location: Riverhead Charter School

Dates Test Should be Completed: 1/7/22-1/9/22

How to Submit Results: <https://forms.gle/Q1vDSBk9dQKABLk47>

When you arrive a

As a school, it is vital that we communicate with transparency. We are expected to hold ourselves to the highest standards for your child's health, safety and well-being. As we enter a New Year and new phase of the pandemic, children need to be in school and these measures are in place only to ensure that we give ourselves the opportunity to reopen and remain open.

We look forward to seeing everyone return to school safe and healthy.

Regards,

Riverhead Charter School