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Members of the Carver Community:

Governor Baker's office and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has released their initial guidance about reopening schools this fall. We applaud the level of thought and care that went into the development of this guidance, and share its goal of the safe return of as many students as possible to in-person school settings in order to best meet students' academic, social, and emotional needs.

The reopening approach is built on a thorough review of current medical and scientific literature and was developed after extensive consultation with medical professionals from Massachusetts General Hospital, the Massachusetts COVID-19 Command Center's Medical Advisory Board, and others. Based on the current public health data and COVID-19 trends, the medical community supports Massachusetts students' return to in-person learning, with appropriate health and safety guidelines in place.

The expectation today is that students will return to full in-person instruction in the fall; however, that is subject to change based upon how the medical situation develops. As a result, districts are required to develop three separate plans; one for return to full in-person instruction with safety requirements; one for hybrid learning that combines in-person and remote learning; and one for full remote learning.

The Carver Public Schools have established Reopening Committees which will be meeting regularly over the summer to review the guidance and to develop plans for its implementation. We acknowledge that these initial guidelines do not address every topic and that there will be additional guidance coming throughout the summer. The full guidance document is attached, but here are some key components:

- Current medical research supports a safe in-person return to school - with preventive measures in place - as infection and transmission rates are lower for children than adults.
- Preventive measures include masks/face coverings, physical distancing, handwashing, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- Masks/face coverings will be required for all students in Grade 2 and above and for all adults.
- Based upon current medical research, and in conjunction with other preventive measures, a minimum physical distance of three feet has been established.

I will be holding a meeting for parents via Zoom to review the guidance in more detail and answer any questions that I can at this time at **6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 30th**. The link to the Zoom meeting is listed below. I will also email the link to parents prior to the meeting. I know that we will work together as a community to meet and overcome all of the challenges presented by this pandemic.

Thank you for your support.

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Parent Zoom Meeting: <https://carver.zoom.us/j/2959363378?pwd=ZnRLVFFsYkhuTDlBcEpzdHJsdlZHQ09>