

Transcript of Superintendent John Spieser's Update Video
Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Good afternoon Milford,

I have some mid-week updates to share with you today.

First, I want to stress again, that our teachers and administrators will be ready for your students Monday.

Everyone is working very hard to open our buildings safely on Monday, and for our Eagle Online students, teachers are ready for you as well. I have the utmost confidence in all of our Milford teachers - we have the best teachers and they are all so excited to see their students again.

This past Monday, students attending In-Person in grades kindergarten through sixth received their teacher assignments. Today, students attending Eagle Online in grades kindergarten through sixth will receive their teacher assignments and important information about how to log-in to Eagle Online Monday morning.

Junior High and High School are different. Administrators are working around the clock, literally, to get all the various pieces of the puzzle figured out so students' schedules can be released. I mentioned this last week, and I want to say it again - we are asking for your patience. If this was a typical year, schedules would have already been released and we would be able to host open houses. The pandemic has put a wrinkle on all of that.

I know that some of our students are getting nervous and maybe having some feelings of anxiety because they haven't received their schedules yet.

Let me reassure you, we will be ready for your students on Monday.

Students attending In-Person will be guided to their classes. Students attending Eagle Online will be able to connect Monday morning and if they have any trouble, we're here to help.

Another important update today is the latest revision of our Return to Learning Plan. The update includes important information about face masks and face

coverings for students attending In Person. Face shields will not be allowed unless a student has a documented medical exemption, a 504 plan, or an I E P.

Do not send your child to school on Monday without a face mask - you must contact their school prior to Monday morning to make arrangements to develop an alternative health safety plan for them.

Our buildings are clean, sanitized, and ready to welcome students. We have taken every necessary step to keep everyone safe.

Please refer to [our COVID flow chart](#) and be aware of our protocols if your child is feeling ill.

If your student has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, they are required to quarantine for 14 days.

If your child is feeling ill, do not send them to school.

If your child is awaiting the results of a COVID test, do not send them to school.

There will be no perfect attendance awards this year - we cannot stress enough the importance of keeping your student at home if they are ill.

It is okay if they stay home, we will catch them up with any work missed when they return.

We all need to follow these health safety protocols to keep our Milord Eagles in school for as long as possible!

Lastly, we urge you to contact us directly if you have a question. We are here to help. Our team is available to answer any questions you may have. We also have more than one hundred [FAQ's on our website](#).

While social media might be the quickest way for some to get an answer, unless the answer is coming directly from us, it may not be accurate. **Please, just ask us.** If we don't have the answer, we'll find it.

You can send us an email at contactmilford@milfordschools.org

I'll update you again on Friday. Until then, make it a great day!