



NMRSD Update
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Governor Baker's Announcement & DESE's New Guidance

The following guidance has been issued in consultation with the MA COVID Command Center's Medical Advisory Board and is in effect TODAY:

- Students no longer have to wear masks when outdoors, even if distance cannot be maintained. This guidance applies to recess, physical education, youth sports, and outdoor learning environments. Adults must continue to wear masks outdoors if 6 feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained. At this time, adults and students must continue to wear masks indoors. Contact tracing does not apply to recess.
- Schools no longer have to avoid sharing objects. This includes classroom materials, items for physical education, or art supplies. Shared objects no longer have to be cleaned or disinfected between use and should follow the updated cleaning guidance outlined below.
- Schools now only need to clean high-touch surfaces (door handles, bus seats, drinking fountains) and shared objects within the school and on school transport vehicles once a day, excluding certain circumstances. If schools are located in an area of high transmission of COVID-19, then they may consider cleaning more frequently, or cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects once a day. Similarly, for areas where masks are not worn (i.e., lunch areas), schools may consider cleaning surfaces between use. If a surface or object is visibly soiled, it should be immediately cleaned. If someone in the school in the past 24 hours has confirmed to have COVID-19, the spaces (i.e., classroom, bus and lunch area) they were in should be cleaned and disinfected. If disinfecting, ensure [safe and correct use](#) and storage of cleaning products, including storing products securely away from children.
- Gathering limits for school events with outside participants will be lifted starting May 29, 2021. However, other health and safety measures, such as masking, distancing, and other protocols (Prom, Graduation, etc.), outlined in DESE's [Supplemental Guidance for Student Groups and School Events for School Year 2020-2021](#) ([download](#)) will still apply.

Congratulations to...

- Senior Jordan Highly scored her 100 goal on May 8th!!! Jordan will play lacrosse on scholarship at Davenport University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We can only imagine her stats if the 2020 season happened! Good luck, Jordan.
- Senior Stephanie Sutton-Brown was selected to the Worcester Telegram Field Hockey Super Team.

Support Needed

- Please support NMRHS student Rebekah Sylvester (Class of '25), who as a part of Project 351, is running a clothing drive for [Cradles to Crayons](#) from May 10th through May 22nd at VBES, NMS, and NMRHS. Please see the attached flyer for details.
- For their senior project, NMRHS students Riley O'Brien, Sarah LeBlanc, and Sophia Quilty are collecting items that can be used to assemble care packages for our troops. They are collecting items including: toiletries, feminine hygiene products, non-perishables, socks, etc. There will be bins in each of the school offices in the district. If you would like to donate, please bring in your donations anytime before the end of the month (May 31st). Thank you!

NMRSD Adopt a Spot Program

The NMRSD "Adopt a Spot" Program provides opportunities for companies, civic groups, and community members to adopt a "spot" (island/mulch bed/entryway) to create attractive, welcoming "oases" throughout the District. Adopters agree to invest "sweat equity" to maintain a spot at one of our schools, in return for which an Adopt a Spot sign recognizing the spot's adopter will be installed by the District. Adopters agree to maintain the area for one fiscal year (July-June) during the summer, fall, and spring seasons. Spots are available at all of our schools.

To begin the process of becoming a Spot Adopter, please contact Andrea Royer at 978-597-8713 ext. 1900 to find a spot that suits your interest and discuss guidelines.

From Project Graduation...

Hello NM Community! We need your help. The Class of 2021 has missed out on the typical senior year of high school, but we have the opportunity to help them celebrate their accomplishments with a few exciting end-of-the-year events.

Project Graduation and Senior Car Parade are looking for donations and volunteers to help us pull off the celebrations these graduates deserve. Please consider donating time, money, or specific items in need by clicking on this link:

<https://sites.google.com/view/nmrhs-projectgrad/donations>

If you would like to VOLUNTEER on the day of Project Graduation June 2nd (rain date June 3rd), PLEASE fill out this [Volunteer Form](#). Remember, you MUST have an up-to-date CORI on file with the school district to participate in any volunteer positions. **Please see the attached CORI form** and return it to school ASAP so that it can be processed in time.

If you would like to VOLUNTEER for the Senior Car Parade on June 2nd (rain date June 3rd), PLEASE fill out this [Volunteers for Class of 2021 Car Parade \(google.com\)](#)

Let's give the Class of 2021 some great memories before graduating. Thank you for the support. We can't do this without you!

We are NM!

Before & After School Care 2021-2022 School Year

NMRSD is excited to be offering an in-house Extended Day Program at Ashby Elementary School, Spaulding Memorial School, and Varnum Brook Elementary School beginning next school year from September 2021 through June 2022.

NMRSD Extended Day Program hours at each elementary school will be from 7:00 am-9:00 am and then again in the afternoon from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm or 3:00 pm-6:00 pm.

Stay tuned for more details on how to register your child(ren).

MCAS Dates

Ashby Elementary School

Tuesday, May 18	4th grade ELA
Monday, May 24	3rd grade Math
Tuesday, May 25	4th grade Math

Spaulding Memorial School

Tuesday, May 18	4th grade ELA
Monday, May 24	3rd grade Math
Tuesday, May 25	4th grade Math

Varnum Brook Elementary School

Tuesday, May 18 4th grade ELA
Monday, May 24 3rd grade Math
Tuesday, May 25 4th grade Math

Hawthorne Brook Middle School

Grade 5:

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Thursday, May 27 Math
Thursday, June 3 Science & Tech

Grade 6:

Thursday, May 20 ELA
Wednesday, June 2 Math

Grade 7:

Tuesday, May 25 ELA
Tuesday, June 1 Math

Grade 8:

Tuesday, May 18 ELA
Wednesday, May 26 Math
Thursday, June 3 Science & Tech

Nissitissit Middle School

Grades 5 and 8:

Tuesday, May 18 ELA
Wednesday, May 19 Math
Thursday, May 20 Science & Tech

Grades 6 and 7:

Tuesday, May 25 ELA
Wednesday, May 26 Math

NMRHS

Grade 9

Biology June 1-2, 2021

Grade 10

ELA/Math

May 18-21, 2021

From the Community

NM Boosters Brick Fundraiser - please see attached

Footsteps2Brilliance Virtual Summer School - please see attached