September 7, 2021

Northern Shores Elementary School (NSES) is adhering to the SPS Return to Learn Plan, Back and Better Guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year. Here at Northern Shores, we will continue to put student and staff safety first by ensuring the following:

- Masks will be required of all staff, students and visitors within any SPS facility and on all buses.
 SPS mask-wearing is in accordance with the legislation from Gov. Ralph Northam, which mandated divisions to follow the guidance of the CDC, regardless of vaccination status. Masks will NOT be required outside.
- Visitors will be limited to the lobby/main office (with the exception of Back to School orientation).
- 3 ft. of physical distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible, including outdoors.
- Breakfast and lunch will be served in classrooms with the exception of students in mobile units. Those classes will eat in the cafeteria.
- Bottle fill stations will be available for all students and staff. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles with a lid.
- Facilities and Maintenance/Custodial teams will continue to clean and disinfect buildings daily.

In the event of COVID exposure or possible exposure, the following will occur:

- Once COVID-19 cases involving school staff/students are brought to the attention of administration and the school nurses, affected individuals will be notified by phone call/letter/email
- Larger school stakeholders being affected will be notified by letter and/or school messenger
- The custodial staff will be notified of affected school areas and implement the necessary disinfecting practice
- Students who need to quarantine will be able to access their assignments on CANVAS

The SPS COVID-19 Resource Guide 2021-2022 can be accessed using the following link

https://bit.ly/3kZkb0x