

COTTER COVID FAQS



As of August 3, 2020

WILL YOU RECONSIDER THE DECISION FOR HIGH SCHOOL TO BE ONLINE ONLY?

The decision to be online was made following the directives of the state, the current rate of community transmission of Covid-19, the learning needs of younger children, and our building limitations. **We cannot safely have every student in-person and full-time.** The quickest way to get back in the classrooms is for every student and parent to follow safety protocol, i.e., wear a mask, limit exposure, engage in hand washing, and stay home when sick. These practices will reduce community transmission of Covid-19 and allow us to reopen.

IS THERE AN ONLINE OPTION FOR 5TH - 8TH GRADERS, IF I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE SENDING MY CHILD IN PERSON?



Yes, every parent will be asked to determine what format they wish for their child by August 15. Once we know how many students want the online option, we will determine the specifics. A student must remain in the option they choose for the entire quarter, unless they are ill.

DOES SCHOOL REALLY START FOR GRADES 5-8 ON SEPTEMBER 8TH?

YES, because of the size of our student body and the limits of our building, we cannot have everyone on campus safely at one time. In order to allow the High School students to meet their teachers and get their text books before they start online, we are asking grades 5-8 to delay coming to campus until September 8th.



WILL STUDENTS BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS ALL DAY?



YES ! Students, faculty, staff, and all visitors to any Cotter building must wear a mask when entering. All will be screened and students will go immediately to their classroom. Classrooms are arranged so students **REMAIN SIX FEET APART** from others, allowing for removal of mask for eating, drinking, and at designated times.

ARE FALL SPORTS CANCELLED?

The MSHSL has not made a final decision. They are announcing their plans in the next week or so. We will use their decision to inform our decision. With each district making its own learning plan, it will be difficult to coordinate schedules. We will let you know as soon as we know.



TUNE INTO A LIVE Q/A on TUESDAY, Aug. 4 at 7:00pm at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89381096667?>

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