



## Forbes Road School District

159 Red Bird Drive  
Waterfall, PA 16689



Forbes Road High School  
159 Red Bird Drive  
Waterfall, PA 16689  
814-685-3866

Forbes Elementary School  
143 Red Bird Drive  
Waterfall, PA 16689  
814-685-3865

November 6, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This afternoon the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and Department of Health (DOH) has confirmed that Fulton County will, for the second week in a row, be categorized as “Substantial,” the highest category on the COVID-19 Dashboard. All three districts—Forbes Road, Central Fulton and Southern Fulton—will be following PDE’s and DOH’s recommendations to switch to full remote instruction until the county levels return to Moderate or Low for two weeks in a row. There has been some question as to why Forbes Road did not publish our intent earlier this week. We made the decision to hold off as long as possible in case a significant number of cases were “scrubbed,” which has sometimes occurred in the past. However, now there is no doubt that our status will remain Substantial.

Therefore, beginning on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and continuing at least through Noon on November 24<sup>th</sup>, all Forbes Road students will receive remote instruction from their regular classroom teachers via Cardinal Academy. There will be no on-campus instruction available during that time. We will monitor the COVID Dashboard during Thanksgiving Break and advise parents whether we will be returning to on-campus, hybrid or remote learning on December 1<sup>st</sup>, depending on the number of cases and the State’s recommendations.

Depending on the level of Internet connectivity in your home, students will be able to access instruction in one of three ways: 1.) Live Stream. Students with strong Internet connectivity can watch teacher instruction live during the same time of day that their classes would take place on campus. 2.) Recorded Lessons. Students with either slower connectivity or who cannot access content during live instruction can download each day’s recorded lessons and complete them later in the day. 3.) Students with very limited or no Internet will be able to go to established Community Networks to download the recorded lessons and watch them at home. Community Network sites can be accessed in the Forbes Road High School parking lot, the Presbyterian Church in Wells Tannery, Hustontown Fire Hall and Freedom Worship Church in Fort Littleton. Parents with technical support questions may contact Amanda Brown at the Elementary and Christie Daniels at the High School.

Students who do not yet have devices because they were attending classes on campus will be sent home with their device on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> because November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day and school is not in session. If you believe that your child will not be in class on Tuesday for any reason, please contact Amanda Brown about sending a device home on Monday.

Any field hockey or soccer player who does not have all of their necessary materials should call the high school office as soon as possible to make arrangements to pick up those items curbside at the High School. Field hockey will finish its fall season; a start date has not been determined for winter sports.

Parents who have been participating in weekly meal pickup for students will be able to do so on November 12<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup>. Parents of students who have been attending classes on campus, but would like to participate in weekly student meal pickups during remote instruction can participate by completing the form on our website at [www.frsd.info](http://www.frsd.info). There are no family income limits—anyone who wants to receive free food for their students can sign up and pick up meals once each week at the school.

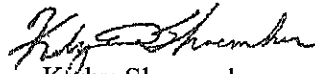
This is a difficult time for students, teachers, staff, and families, but we are taking the recommended steps to reduce the potential for contagion. This is no longer a situation where COVID-19 is outside of our borders. Currently, Forbes Road School District has one positive Cardinal Academy student case, one positive staff case, four students in quarantine and two staff members in quarantine. Although remote instruction creates additional challenges for all involved, we must put student and staff safety first. We will do everything that we can to provide assistance during this time.

Thank you for supporting our school's efforts.

Sincerely,



Maria Scott-Bollman  
Superintendent



Kirby Shoemaker  
School Board President