

Good evening staff members, students, and parents of the Randolph County School System,

This is Stephen Gainey. I am calling to share the following updates with you as a result of the Governor's announcement on Tuesday as well as guidance from the CDC and DHHS:

- 1) Effective at 5:00 p.m. on 3/26/21, schools will be allowed to use 50% of their seats in outdoor stadiums as well as gyms and auditoriums for events, especially athletic events.
- 2) Effective at 5:00 p.m. on 3/26/21, daily check-in assessments of staff members and students will no longer be required at the doors of schools, including at the start of the school day. In addition, with this change, temperature checks of staff members and students will no longer be required at the doors of schools, including at the start of the school day.
- 3) Effective at 5:00 p.m. on 3/26/21, temperature checks for staff members, students, and all other spectators will no longer be required at the entrances to athletic events.

Despite these items, no changes have been made to the "cloth face covering" rule or the other COVID-19 safety protocols already in place during the past 12 months on our schools' campuses. Thus, all people on a school's campus in our school system during the school day, as well as at after-school events, will continue to be required to wear cloth face coverings at all times.

Finally, I want to remind all staff members and students of the following safety points with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- 1) If you have developed COVID-19 symptoms, please stay at home and call your school for further directions.
- 2) If you have been exposed to a person who is positive for COVID-19, please stay at home and call your school for further directions.
- 3) If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay at home and call your school for further directions.
- 4) If you have traveled out of the country, please stay at home and call your school for further directions. Furthermore, please note that you will be required to quarantine for 14 days starting with your return date from out of the country.

This message also will be posted on the homepage of the school system's webpage for your reference.

I hope everyone has a great night and a great Spring Break!!!!