**General FYI’s**

(most of this information is taken directly from the reentry plan,

but wanted to share it in a condensed format for ease of reference)

-Students and staff will not be able to use water fountains. We encourage families to provide a clearly marked cup with lid (also clearly marked) or a bottle of water daily. The school will provide if needed. Cups with lids will be sanitized at the end of the school day and ready for refill the next morning; refills of ice water will be handled by staff. It is fine if the students want to use flavors for their water as long as they can do it themselves.

-Morning time before school starts will look different, as we cannot all be in the gym at the same time. Grade cohorts will be rotated between the gym, the front patio & front yard area and playground. A staff member will be at the back gym door for students who are dropped off to make sure they know where to go. We will have a backup plan for inclement weather. However, we ask that you send your child to school appropriately dressed for Missouri weather.

-Make sure all meals brought from home are able to be opened without adult help as we do not want the staff to cross contaminate by handling multiple students food and drink containers. This is primarily an issue with Pk and K students.

-Families are encouraged to provide their own transportation when possible. The drivers’ job is to get our students to school safely. As/if we move into different risk levels the drivers will not have the ability to ensure that students are wearing masks and staying socially distanced.

-Bus routes may be split into two groups in order to ensure social distancing. Mrs. Judy’s after school route historically has times when it is very crowded, so I may leave the students that live furthest away here at school with me while she takes those that live closest home first and then she will come get the next group and take them home. This can change on a daily basis depending on how many riders we have that day.

-Mrs. Judy and Mrs. Leimkuehler will be making phone calls early next week to let you know your student’s approximate pick up and drop off times (depending on your enrollment answer regarding need of bus services). As stated above, these will be subject to change.

-We have face masks available for staff and students. You are welcome to send your own if you’d like**. Use will be encouraged, but not required.** If you feel strongly that your child is to wear masks, please contact the office and let us know; we will do all we can to cooperate and assist your child with keeping their mask in place. We would ask that you do your part by practicing with your child at home to get them used to wearing it.

- Hardeman has invested in new equipment for sanitation of the facility. The board has also

approved hiring an additional employee who will ensure proper sanitation throughout the day in

various areas including, but not limited to, buses, playground, lunch area, restrooms and

classrooms. They will also provide support in the classrooms as needed. This person will be

adding a much needed layer of protection to stop the spread of germs and to keep all Hardeman

students and staff safe.

Thank you in advance for being flexible, as we navigate new and innovative ways to keep our school day as normal as possible. What would normally be an exciting time of year is being overshadowed by anxiety and fear of the unknown. Despite this, our number one priority is educating our students whether it be on site or at a distance. More about distance learning and how we will proceed if we have to close for COVID, will be sent out at a later date.

P.S.- Every single staff member is excited to return and get our learning communities started on an amazing year, and our goal is to be on site all day every day!