

BRASS CASTLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope that your family is well and that your child has enjoyed their return to in-person learning. We are very excited that our students have returned to school and we are working diligently to remain open. To that end, families are reminded to keep students home if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19. If a student develops COVID-19 like symptoms while in school or shortly after being in school, the individual and the classroom will be quarantined for 14 days requiring them to transition to remote learning during that time.

Please be aware that as of this communication, the district needed to quarantine two classes due to individuals meeting COVID-19 exclusion criteria. The individuals are not a confirmed COVID cases, but since they met the exclusion criteria, and in accordance with New Jersey Department of Health guidelines, the classes were quarantined.

To keep everyone safe and allow the school to function for in-person learning, parents are reminded to keep students home from school if:

- The student exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle aches, headache, loss of taste/smell, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, fever, etc.)
- Anyone in the household is quarantined or is awaiting test results for COVID-19.
- Anyone in the household is guarantined due to a positive COVID-19 test result.

As stated above, it is our goal and plan to be open for in-person learning; however, if the district experiences any of the following situations, the district will move to full remote learning:

- The COVID-19 Activity Level Report (matrix) for our region moves to "Red" or "Very High".
- The Department of Health determines that an outbreak, as recently clarified (transmission of virus within school setting), has occurred
- The District is directed to close by the Governor or the Department of Health.
- Staffing issues due to illness and /or quarantine do not allow for the safe supervision of students.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our staff and students safe!

Sincerely,

Keith Neuhs Superintendent

COVID-19 Regional Report

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/

COVID-19 Vaccination Scheduling System

https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/

COVID-19 Testing Sites

https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing#test-sites