



November 13, 2020

Dear Parent & Guardians,

As you are aware, the number of COVID-19 cases in New Jersey is rapidly increasing. As such, families are reminded to follow CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus. Please review the message below from the Warren County Health Department regarding community spread and COVID-19 prevention.

Message from Warren County Health Department

Cases of COVID-19 are increasing rapidly in Warren County and the Northwest Region. While this week's COVID-19 Regional Activity Level is still at "Moderate Risk," we should anticipate reaching "High Risk" in the next week or two.

Following [NJDOH's COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for LHDs for K-12 Schools](#) districts should prepare to take the following actions in consultation with the Warren County Health Department.

- Consider implementing fully remote learning.
- Restrict activities that involve interaction with multiple cohorts (Sports and other extracurricular activities).
- If in-person learning continues, implement enhanced contact tracing and exclusion of close contacts of students and staff who have COVID-19 compatible symptoms even if not yet tested. This would include students or staff who call in sick.

Following the release of next week's results, we will meet to consider appropriate action based on our county and regional data.

The Warren County Health Department also recommends the following exclusion practices to reduce the risk to students and staff:

Require students and staff to quarantine and participate virtually for 14 days following:

1. Travel to a state impacted by NJ's travel advisory.
2. Attending an indoor private residential gathering with more than 10 people unless they are in the same household.
3. Attending any public gathering where 6-foot distancing is not maintained, or masks were not being worn.

Additional Resources

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID-How-Long-Isolate-Quarantine.pdf>

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml#5

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID-Cannot-Test-Out-of-Quarantine.pdf>

Please continue to follow CDC guidelines and stay safe.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

