



January 21, 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

This notice is to inform you of revised New Jersey Department of Health guidelines for managing COVID-19 in school settings. On January 20, 2021 the New Jersey Department of Health provided schools with updated guidelines for quarantining students who test positive for COVID-19, students with symptoms of COVID-19 (not confirmed by a test) and students who are close contacts of these individuals. The updated guidelines will be implemented immediately and are as follows:

Staff or Student Tests Positive for COVID-19

- Staff/Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be excluded from school for 14 days. Quarantine period may be extended based on the student's health and medical guidance.
- Close contacts of staff/students who test positive for COVID-19 will be excluded from school for 14 days. Staff/students who are close contacts will be provided with a return to school date by the school nurse/school administration. Students will complete classwork remotely during the quarantine period.
- Siblings of the COVID-19 positive student will be excluded from school based on NJDOH guidelines. The school nurse/school administration will provide families with the specific quarantine period.

Staff or Student Exhibits COVID-19 Symptoms (not confirmed by a COVID test)

- Students who meet COVID-19 symptom exclusion criteria (cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle aches, headache, loss of taste/smell, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, fever, etc.) will be excluded from school for 14 days. An alternate diagnosis (including a positive strep test or influenza swab) is not acceptable for individuals who meet COVID-19 exclusion criteria to return to school. The school nurse/school administration will provide students with a return to school date. Students will complete classwork remotely during the quarantine period.
- Siblings of a student meeting COVID-19 symptom exclusion criteria will be excluded from school for 14 days. The school nurse/school administration will provide students with a return to school date. Students will complete classwork remotely during the quarantine period.

At this time, the New Jersey Department of Health is no longer requiring close contacts/classes of students exhibiting COVID-19 exclusion symptoms to be quarantined. The change in guidance will be implemented immediately.

The Warren County Health Department has advised that classes/students are to complete the established quarantine period. Therefore, classes and/or individual students that are currently being quarantined under previous New Jersey Department of Health guidelines will need to complete their quarantine.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we adjust to the updated guidelines from the New Jersey Department of Health.

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>