



April 28, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

While COVID-19 infections have decreased in New Jersey over the past few weeks, the Northwest Region is still in the "Orange" or "High" level for COVID-19 activity. **Specifically, our district has seen an increase in students testing positive for COVID-19, forcing the quarantine of multiple classrooms over the past two weeks.** Families are asked to continue to follow CDC and NJ Department of Health guidance to ensure the safety of all community members.

To keep everyone safe and allow the school to function for full-time, 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 has COVID-19 compatible symptoms.
- Anyone in the household is awaiting test results for COVID-19.
- Anyone in the household tested positive for COVID-19.

Also, the District continues to utilize the following protocols to ensure the safety of students and staff members:

- Students that are ill and meet COVID-19 exclusion criteria will be quarantined for a period of 14 days. Individual students that are placed in quarantine will complete schoolwork remotely.
- Siblings of sick students (meeting COVID-19 exclusion criteria) will also be required to quarantine for a period of 14 days.

Parents and guardians should contact their child's school nurse with any health concerns and / or questions regarding quarantine requirements.

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Additionally, all individuals over the age of 16 are now eligible to received COVID-19 vaccinations. Information regarding COVID-19 vaccines can be found at: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>. Families should consult with their medical care provider with specific questions regarding COVID-19 vaccines.

As always, we appreciate your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Keith Neuhs
Superintendent

COVID-19 Vaccination Scheduling System
<https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>

COVID-19 Regional Report
<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/>

COVID-19 Testing Sites
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing#test-sites>