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Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we look forward to celebrating the arrival of 2022, our thoughts remain focused on returning to in-person instruction on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Throughout this most recent surge of cases of Covid-19 in our region, we have remained in consistent communication with the Warren County Department of Health and the Warren County Office of Education to monitor the overall health and safety of our staff and students. This very fluid situation will require our learning community to prepare in the event we are required to switch to remote learning. Please keep in mind that districts are not permitted to preemptively switch to remote learning however pivoting to a virtual platform or a change in daily schedules may occur with very little notice. We will continue to provide in-person instruction to the maximum extent possible while keeping the health and safety of our staff and students at the forefront of our decision-making process.

The CDC has reduced the recommended quarantine timelines for individuals that test positive for COVID-19. These recommendations **do not** apply to NJ K-12 school settings at this time. Staff and/or students that test positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days. Non-vaccinated close contacts of COVID-19 positive cases will need to quarantine for 10 days (7 days with a negative test result from a test taken between days 5-7). Parents must contact their child's school nurse to confirm quarantine periods.

Please continue to remain vigilant in following recommendations from the CDC in keeping your family safe during this very difficult time. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. May you all enjoy a healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

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

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

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