COVID Updates: Moving Forward in the New Year

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OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- » Changes made to quarantine/isolation
- » Some statistics:
 - » Current case rates
 - » Current attendance
- Review of hybrid instruction and new COVID Reporting Form

GUIDING PRINCIPAL...(still remains)

Our goal is to prioritize **in-person**, **full-time** instruction to the extent possible. We are hoping for **minimal interruption** to students' instructional schedules. We will do this while balancing the requirements of the public health situation.

DOH Guidelines

How have the DOH guidelines changed?

The New CDC Guidelines

New Quarantine time frames from CDC state: "For people who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, CDC now recommends quarantine for **5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5** days." So...

The NJ Department of Health has adopted these guidelines

- » 5 days of quarantine for close contacts
- » 5 days of isolation for positive cases
- » All followed by 5 more days of mask usage

Fully vaccinated definition has been adjusted as identified above.

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Statistics

What is our case count? What did attendance look like? What might this mean for starting up sports, clubs, field trips?

Student Attendance

	1/3/22			1/4/22			1/5/22			1/6/22				
	Virtual	Absent		Virtual	Absent		Virtual	Absent		Virtual	Absent			
District:	73	203	District:	127	132	District:	145	114	District:	207	76			
RMS*	37	50	RMS	54	34	RMS	63	31	RMS	80	29			
HBS	19	41	HBS	31	25	HBS	35	16	HBS	40	20			
TBS	15	45	TBS	27	27	TBS	31	28	TBS	41	16			
WHS	2	67	WHS	15	46	WHS	16	39	WHS	46	11			
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Positive Cases from the Dashboard

Positive Cases Dashboard: January and Total

January 2022

Building	Staff Members	Students
RMS	3	69
HBS	4	40
WHS	7	39
TBS	2	27
BOE/District	4	Х
<u>Total</u>	20	175

2021-2022

Building	Staff Members	Students
RMS	9	98
HBS	7	56
WHS	12	54
TBS	9	49
BOE/District	8	Х
<u>Total</u>	45	257

Last Updated: 1/14/22

Sports, Clubs and Field Trips

Since going "red" our district has suspended extra-curricular activities.

Although we remain red, we are seeing a drop in our local school case count.

The district will look to reinstate these extra-curricular activities in the next few weeks, as long as the trend continues.



Hybrid Instruction: Cameras On

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What is hybrid instruction? Can my child log in to class?

Is my child eligible to log in to school?

There are 3 cases where children can log in remotely: If they are identified as a close contact in school and are quarantined.

If they are identified as a close contact elsewhere (at home, etc) and are quarantined- please notify school. If they are COVID positive and have recovered but are still in the 10-day isolation period. How long will cameras be on?

We plan to have cameras on during this surge of COVID. Our plans are to reevaluate on January 14 and 21 to see how many cases we have quarantined or positive.

We plan to reinstate tutoring sessions before February. This is intended to be **<u>short-term in nature</u>**, prioritizing in-person instruction. **New COVID Reporting Form Online**

Remember: Use the new COVID Reporting form!

THANKS!

Any questions?

