



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Staff and Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a restful winter break. I am writing to provide you with a brief update regarding our return to school **on Monday, January 3, 2022**, when we plan to reopen as scheduled for in-person instruction. We will continue to monitor the surge in our area and adhere to the guidelines that we have had in place. While the CDC has released new quarantine guidance, there has not been new guidance for school settings, and therefore we will continue to follow the protocols below:

1. *For individuals who have tested positive for Covid, a mandatory 10-day quarantine remains in place. Unvaccinated close contacts will require a 10-day quarantine, which can be reduced to 7 days with a negative PCR test. Vaccinated close contacts will not be required to quarantine but **must monitor for symptoms**.*
2. *A viral test should occur 3-5 after traveling outside the New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware areas for 24 hours or longer for individuals not fully vaccinated. A self-quarantine should occur for seven days after travel for these areas, even with a negative test result. If testing is not completed post-travel, individuals should self-quarantine for ten days, during which remote instruction will be provided. In the case of a positive test result, please contact your school nurse.*
3. *Individuals who are **fully vaccinated** should get tested 3-5 days upon return to NJ and monitor for symptoms of covid for 14 days. No quarantine period is necessary if **NO** symptoms are present.*

It's important to note that with the surge in COVID cases in our region, there is a possibility that we may encounter staffing shortages as a result of illness or quarantine. Such shortages may affect your child as last-minute shifts to remote learning may occur if we cannot provide adequate staffing. This shift to remote learning may also happen on a class, grade, or school-by-school basis. Should a switch to remote learning be necessary (small scale or large scale), we will communicate as soon as possible. We recognize that last-minute decisions create challenges for some families but request that you please consider planning ahead for these possibilities. Again, we remain committed to keeping our buildings operational for in-person instruction as long as we can do so.

We know that a surge in COVID cases can increase stress for many people. However, we must remain vigilant. **If your child is exhibiting symptoms, please do not send them to school before consulting with your family doctor or testing them for COVID.** The complete list of NJDOH recommendations updated on December 15, 2021, can be found [here](#). Thank you very much, and have a great day.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent