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**Subject:** Cherry Hill School District Recommendation

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Dear Dr. Meloche,

Per the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools, when providing guidance for school districts, the COVID-19 Regional Risk Matrix is used. This accounts for Covid activity across the regions. As our region is in Moderate Risk, the guidance is as follows "Consider a mixture of remote and/or hybrid learning approaches, and/or fully remote learning." It goes on, "A temporary closure may also be considered for 2-5 days to allow time for local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school and perform contact tracing."

Over the weekend, we had an influx of new cases from Cherry Hill. The influx of new cases were investigated, and close contacts were identified. No links were found that would impact the district returning to a hybrid schedule. The email from my staff yesterday was in good faith to look at the trends and determine where the influx of large cases was coming from and if they are linked. We found that the influx of cases are not connected, and the cases can be excluded from the school if the school district had resumed in-person instruction today.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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