



The Road Forward Updates

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WE Return to Learn - The Road Forward

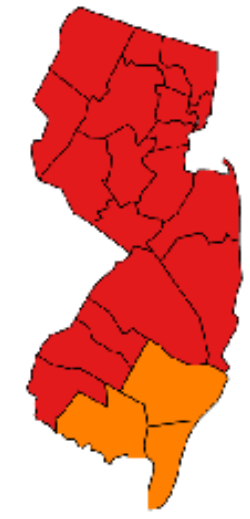
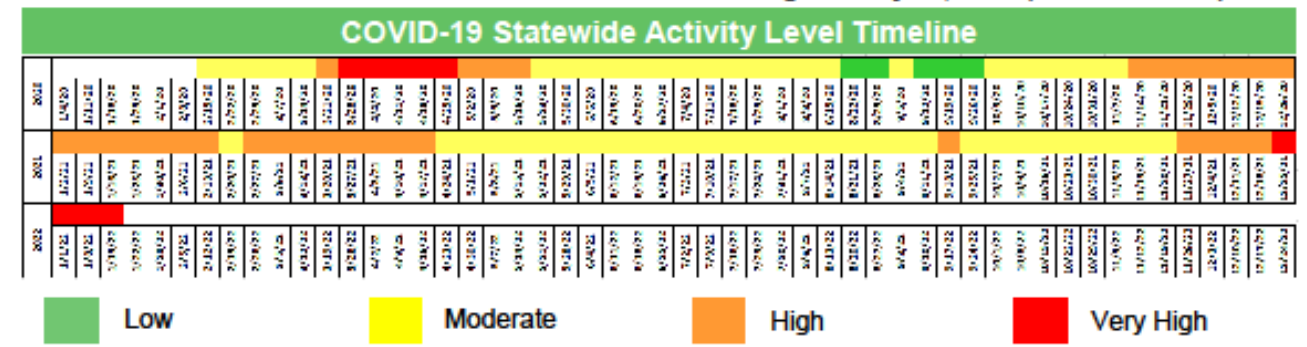


DISTRICT COMMITMENTS

The District is committed to the following:

- The health & safety of students and staff members.
- Regularly scheduled school days for all students.
- Breakfast and Lunch being available and scheduled for students.
- Working in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Education, New Jersey Department of Health, and the Camden County Department of Health to remain informed about the status of community health.
- Communicating information transparently with the students, families, staff members, and community.

COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI)



Region ²	Current Activity Level
Northwest Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren	VERY HIGH
Northeast Bergen, Essex, Hudson	VERY HIGH
Central West Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset	VERY HIGH
Central East Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Union	VERY HIGH
South West Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem	VERY HIGH
Southeast Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland	HIGH
STATEWIDE	VERY HIGH

COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI)

	Case Rate ³	Percent CLI ⁴	Percent Positivity ⁵	CALI Score ⁶
Northwest	121.49 ●	8.50 ○	24.69 ●	4
Northeast	117.96 ●	9.16 ○	20.86 ●	4
Central West	117.62 ●	10.53 ○	23.47 ●	4
Central East	117.99 ●	11.94 ○	24.75 ●	4
Southwest	132.65 ●	12.27 ○	26.08 ●	4
Southeast	132.31 ●	3.83 ○	24.00 ●	3
STATEWIDE				4

1. Low



2. Moderate



3. High

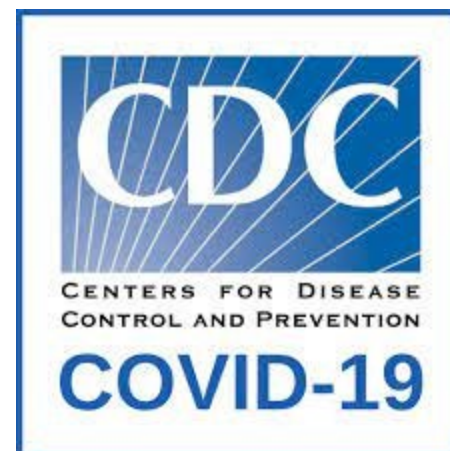


4. Very High



The Road Forward Committee Meeting January 18, 2022

1. Discussed New Jersey Department of Health Updates – January 12, 2022
2. Criteria for Close Contact
 1. Vaccinated vs Unvaccinated
3. Quarantine timelines
 - Temporary remote instruction
 - Masks
 - Recommendations while in the Very High-Risk Category
4. Quotes from the Committee
 - *“We must follow the science!”*
 - *“We need to be able to pivot as a district and adjust to the new recommendations from the NJDOH.”*



New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Updates~ January 19, 2022



1. Masks

1. Continued use of mask in indoors settings by staff, students, and visitors in all situations except as delineated in the Continuity of Learning Plan.

2. Sports & Other Activities

- When the COVID-19 risk level of community transmission is Very High (Red), it is recommended that schools:
 - Limit participation in extracurricular activities to those students and staff who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccination per Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)1 recommendations. *
 - Conduct COVID-19 screening testing of students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, twice weekly for participation in all extracurricular activities. *

* To begin with the commencement of the Spring athletics season

3. Exclusion

- Parents should not send students to school when sick. For school settings, NJDOH recommends that students with the following symptoms be promptly isolated from others and excluded from school:
 - At least two of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose; OR
 - At least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder.



1. Isolation (Applicable to students in grades K -12 only)

- Students regardless of vaccination status who test positive or individuals with COVID19 symptoms who have not been tested and do not have an alternative diagnosis from their healthcare provider will:
 - Stay home for at least **5 full days** after the onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic after the positive test (first day of symptoms is day 0; if asymptomatic, day the test was performed is day 0).
 - If they have no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days and they are fever -free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours, they can leave their home and will:
 - Wear a mask when around others at home and in public (indoors and outdoors) for an additional 5 days. For these additional 5 days, schools will have a plan to ensure adequate distance during those activities (i.e., eating) when mask-wearing is not possible. Time without a mask being worn should be kept to minimum possible.
 - On days 6-10, limit participation in extracurricular activities to only those activities where masks can be worn consistently and correctly.
- **Students returning on days 6 -10 will eat in a separate space and maintain social distance from other students while eating in compliance with NHDOH guidance.**
 - **Parents must acknowledge and agree to this requirement in writing prior to the student's return.**
 - **Students who are not compliant will be returned to virtual instruction until the isolation window has closed.**

- As of February 1, exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 compatible symptoms in the following groups **will be excluded** from in-person school:
 - **Age 12 or older who completed the primary series of a recommended COVID -19 vaccine but have not received a recommended booster shot when eligible .**
 - Persons who are not fully vaccinated.
- As of February 1, exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 symptoms in the following groups **will not be excluded** from in-person school:
 - Age 12 or older and have received all recommended vaccine doses, **including boosters and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people.**
 - Age 5-11 years and completed the primary series of COVID -19 vaccines.
 - Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (tested positive using a viral test).

Testing



- Executive Order 253
 - The district has elected to participate in the New Jersey School Testing program.
 - This program requires the district to implement comprehensive COVID -19 testing of students.
- Testing Program
 - The testing program will be organized into two categories:
 - open availability of testing to all students whose parents consent to testing; and
 - mandatory testing of athletes and students participating in extracurricular activities, which is required as part of this testing program.
- Frequency
 - Based upon the CALI Index
 - **Red (Very High Risk) = 2x per week for ALL athletes & students participating in extracurricular activities.**
 - **Orange (High Risk) = 1x per week for unvaccinated athletes & students participating in higher risk sports or extracurricular activities.**

Vaccination

- Vaccination Rates
- Criteria for Fully Vaccinated
 - According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), everyone 5 years and older who receives their primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine is considered fully vaccinated.
 - For children 5 through 17 years of age, a primary series consists of 2 doses of the Pfizer - BioNTech COVID19 vaccine. For persons 18 and older, a primary series consists of:
 - A 2-dose series of an mRNA COVID19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or
 - A single-dose COVID19 vaccine (Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine)
- Vaccination Clinics for ages 12+
 - February 9, 2022 (4:30 pm – 6 pm), at Rosa International Middle School
 - February 10, 2022 (4:30 pm – 6 pm), at the Malberg Administration Building

*“Our reputation needs to be one of following the science and the experts we purport to follow.”
– Road Forward Committee Comment*

Questions from the Committee



- When will students be able to attend games again?
- Will the upcoming scheduled band/orchestra/choral performances be live or virtual?
- What will theater performances look like?
- What are the testing protocols...who has access and who should test now?
- Can we differentiate between levels as it relates to in -person vs. remote learning?
- How will we move forward in an environment where COVID is endemic?
- How might we adapt our strategies to allow for the continuation of in person activities and schooling?
- How might we support students with non -COVID related medical conditions that might need to learn from home?
- Have the usefulness of the COVID notification letters that the district is sending worn out?

Questions?