

Dear Holmdel Schools Community,

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday break. As we welcome our students and staff back to school on Monday, we wish to share with you the current status of our plans for in-person instruction.

The CDC has shortened quarantine lengths for the general public, but not for schools. We anticipate updated quarantine guidelines from the CDC and the NJ Department of Health soon, but must continue to follow existing guidelines until that happens. Those are summarized below in this message. If your child needs to quarantine, please see our website for instructional information: <https://www.holmdelschools.org/coronavirus-information>.

We are continuing to work to prioritize in-person instruction in the face of the pandemic. We are ready to reopen our buildings and will continue to practice the multiple health and safety protocols that have been in place since the beginning of the school year. When school resumes, please remember: if your children are exhibiting symptoms and/or if they have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results, keep them at home. Students who are in quarantine will be able to access instruction via Google Classroom and through virtual instruction when applicable. Questions regarding quarantine should be directed to your school's nurse.

We are thankful for your cooperation. We will continue to adjust our approach as the public health situation warrants and will keep you apprised of any changes as we make them. We wish you a happy and healthy 2022!

QUARANTINE GUIDELINES - DECEMBER 31, 2021

If you are positive for COVID-19, you must stay away from school and school activities for 10 days.

If you have [COVID-19 symptoms](#), but have not been tested, you must stay away from school and school activities for 10 days, unless you secure a negative test result or an alternative diagnosis from a doctor.

If you have been in close contact (closer than 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes total over a 24 hour period) with someone who is positive for COVID-19, you may need to stay away from school and school activities as follows:

- **Fully vaccinated people** (that is, someone who is at least two weeks from completing a full course of vaccination) and people who have had COVID-19 in the past 90 days do not need to stay away, but do need to monitor for symptoms. If symptoms occur, they should follow the guidelines for people with symptoms described above.

- **Unvaccinated people** must stay away from school and school activities for 10 days, but may return on the 8th day if they secure a negative test result administered on days 5-7.