

# *Moonachie Public Schools*

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Moonachie Families & Friends –

I hope this message finds you safe and well. As communicated in my November 4<sup>th</sup> update, our team continues to make decisions based on data surrounding COVID-19, as it relates to our school community and geographic region. Since implementing the Monday & Tuesday fully remote days, with Wednesday thru Friday Live days, we have been able to significantly decrease our COVID-19 Exposure risk. While cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in New Jersey and the country, as of this publication, we have not had any cases attached to our Live RLC community or School Contact Tracing Quarantines since November 9<sup>th</sup>. While we have had students need to quarantine due to external community or family exposure, we were able to isolate those individuals prior to exposing their classmates, teachers, or the rest of the school, due to this instructional model. Due to the nature of this virus, please know this can change at any moment.

I attribute our successes to our partnership and teamwork in battling this pandemic as a united front. Active communication from families and your willingness to inform us of symptoms and exposures, has afforded us the ability to offer LIVE instruction, at least 3-days a week.

Through our data analysis and real-time practices, as well as taking into account the continued surge of positive COVID-19 cases throughout the state, we will maintain our current instructional model of Full Remote Instruction on Monday's and Tuesdays, and open for LIVE instruction on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, for January 2021.

Additionally, as we enter the Winter Break, we know extended family gatherings are prominent. With families celebrating outside their immediate family bubble and the natural increase of community/family exposure that these practices come with, we have made the decision to be Fully Remote January 4th-8th. This allows for a 14-day lapse between Holiday gatherings and students/staff re-entering our school. Additionally, it allows those who are traveling outside the immediate region (NY, PA, CT, & DE) to fulfill the NJ Department of Health Travel Quarantines without increasing the exposure risk to anyone in our School Community.

I am providing the New Jersey Department of Health Guidance on Travel for your review: [New Jersey Travel Guidelines](#)

Please know, these decisions are not taken lightly. I know the increased pressure to families this may cause but please know, every decision is anchored in our COVID-19 data and the Science of what we know about the virus and how to reduce our exposure risk. Using this process, we have successfully remained safe and healthy. We wish, nothing more, than to continue this practice of low risk and good health, while offering Live Instruction.

I am attaching the January 2021 Instructional Calendar to this letter for your continued review and reference.

Our team will reconvene mid-January to determine February's instructional Calendar.

Should you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at [jknipper@moonachieschool.org](mailto:jknipper@moonachieschool.org) or 201-641-0560.

Sincerely,

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