

Green Township School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Green Township School District,

We are so thrilled to have had such a wonderful first trimester of the school year! It is hard to believe that we have already started the month of December! As we look ahead, we recognize that COVID-19 continues to impact the educational landscape. Please know that the safety and well-being of our students and staff remains our first priority. Our objective is to maintain normalcy for the students to the greatest extent possible while keeping everyone healthy, happy, and learning at school!

Unfortunately, there has been a recent increase in the number of cases impacting our regional and local school community. Please be reminded of the following COVID Exclusion and Return-to-School Guidelines that are posted on our district website. Please remember that if a child has any one of the following "COVID-compatible symptoms" they will be sent home:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of smell or taste

If a child has two of the following they will be sent home:

- Fever of 100 or more
- Chills/shivers
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting

What makes this difficult, especially at this time of year, is that these are all symptoms of other common childhood illnesses. Please continue to monitor your child(ren)'s health prior to sending them to school. If a child is sent home with COVID-compatible symptoms, they must either quarantine or show proof of a negative COVID test before returning to the building. Additionally, please be reminded that in these cases, siblings of the student showing symptoms will also be sent home. A sibling may return to school after the symptomatic student has a negative COVID-19 test.

Please be advised that each week the New Jersey Department of Health releases CALI scores by region. Our northwest NJ region is currently scoring in the **Moderate** range. Last week several neighboring regions moved to the **High** range. Currently, in **Moderate**, the quarantine for students who are close contacts is 10 days, or 7 days with a negative test collected at 5-7 days. For regions labeled **High**, the quarantine is 14 days, with no option for early return to school based on a negative test. The updated CALI scores are released each Thursday afternoon on the Department of Health website: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/>

We are hopeful that the regional conditions will improve and will continue to provide these updates to notify our Green Hills School community of any necessary changes. We appreciate your continued support! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Bollette, Mrs. Burneyko, or Dr. Cenatiempo.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jon Paul Bollette
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