



# EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear East Greenwich School Community,

We will **return to a hybrid learning model on Monday, December 7th**. Please be advised the New Jersey Department of Health recently updated guidelines and procedures for excluding individuals from school, and there are several changes which will have a direct impact on our students and staff effective Monday, December 7th. Please see the information below.

Currently, our region is designated as "High Risk" by the New Jersey Department of Health. You can view the weekly reports here: [NJ Department of Health COVID Activity Level Index Weekly Report](#).

When in the "High Risk" level, individuals who have COVID-compatible symptoms, and close contacts of an individual with COVID-compatible symptoms, now must quarantine.

- Any student or staff member with **COVID-compatible symptoms** must **isolate for 10 days** or until the individual **tests negative** for COVID-19. COVID-compatible symptoms are defined as:

Any **one** of the following symptoms: coughing, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste or smell

OR

**Two or more** of the following symptoms: fever, chills, shivers, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion/runny nose

Please note that an alternate diagnosis is no longer accepted for COVID-compatible symptoms.

- Any **close contact** of an individual with COVID-compatible symptoms **must quarantine for 14 days** or until the individual **tests negative** for COVID-19.
- If a household member is being tested for COVID-19 due to illness, the student or staff member must stay home until the test result is received.

Please note that our Daily Health Screening has been revised to reflect these changes.

We anticipate that the revised [NJDOH COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools](#) will increase the number of students and staff who may need to isolate/quarantine, and we appreciate your continued cooperation in communicating COVID-19 related information to our school nurses in a timely manner. This has allowed us to utilize the contact tracing process and identify any in-person close contacts, which is an important tool in mitigating the spread of the virus.

To date, there has been no evidence of COVID-19 transmission in our school environment. You can view a cumulative list of East Greenwich Township Schools in-person cases on our [district website](#). Please note this list reflects only in-person student and staff cases because these cases must be reported to the school for contact-tracing purposes. This list is not reflective of all cases in the East Greenwich community.

Thank you for your continued support to keep our school environment safe for staff and students. We will continue to monitor this situation and share information with you.

Sincerely,

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