



## EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear East Greenwich School Community,

The health and safety of our students and staff is our first priority, and that is followed closely by our ability to provide continuity of effective instruction to our students.

As a result of the revised Department of Health guidelines for quarantining in the “High Risk” category, we have increasing numbers of staff and students who need to quarantine. In turn, we are at the point where we are making daily decisions as to whether we will have enough staff available to safely open our buildings. We realize this instability will continue over the coming weeks, as the number of cases in our county continue to rise through the holidays.

While there has been no in-school transmission of COVID-19 to date, we remain concerned about the increasing impact of COVID-19 in our community. Currently, our 7 day case average (9 cases) in East Greenwich is at the highest level since the start of the pandemic. Additionally, Gloucester County’s rate of positivity is currently the third highest in the state. This week’s [COVID 19 Activity Level Index Weekly Report](#) has not yet been published, but it is expected later today.

In order to ensure our students have effective continuity of instruction, **we are transitioning to a fully remote model of instruction from Monday, December 14th through Friday, January 15th.** In-person instruction will resume on Tuesday, January 19th. This return date allows a 14 day quarantine period for all staff and students following the New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day holidays.

I remain committed to making decisions which prioritize the health and safety of our students, staff and community. As always, we appreciate our community’s support and cooperation. Thank you for your understanding during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Andrea Evans

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