



EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear East Greenwich School Community,

Our fully remote instructional model will be **extended through Friday, December 4th**. This extension includes two additional fully remote days, December 3rd and December 4th. We plan to **reopen for in-person hybrid instruction on Monday, December 7th** for our Cohort A students.

This decision is made out of an abundance of caution for our students, staff and community members. We realize that family gatherings may occur for the Thanksgiving holiday, and a full week (11/30-12/4) of fully remote learning assists us in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in our schools.

Please be advised the New Jersey Department of Health has categorized the Southwest Region as “High Risk”. This change is a result of the increased percentage of positive cases in our region. When in the “High Risk” range, the New Jersey Department of Health recommends schools “consider implementing fully remote learning”. However, note that if our region moves to the “Very High Risk” range, schools are **required** to transition to fully remote instruction. You can view the weekly reports at: [NJ Department of Health COVID Activity Level Index Weekly Report](#).

We will continue to monitor the local information and work closely with the Department of Health. We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

As always, we appreciate our community’s support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact the school principals or me.

RESOURCES

1. NJDOH COVID-19 information for Communities and the General Public
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml
2. Get the facts about Coronavirus:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
3. Symptoms of COVID-19:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
4. Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>
5. How to Protect Yourself:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
6. What to Do if You Are Sick:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

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