

Covid 19 Guidance for 2023-2024 School Year

We will continue to utilize guidance from the NJ Department of Health and the Bergen County Department of Health to help support the health of all students and staff in our buildings in regards to Covid 19.

- **Hygiene/Respiratory Etiquette:** We will encourage hand washing, use of hand sanitizer and covering coughs and sneezes to keep individuals from getting and spreading infections and diseases.
- **Masks:** During the 2023-2024 school year, mask wearing is optional with a few exceptions. Students choosing to wear a mask will be supported and instruction will be provided to our students on respecting the decisions of others. Masks will be highly recommended for any student who has a positive household contact, as there is a higher incidence of household transmission. If there is a household case, please contact your child's school nurse. Masks are recommended to be worn for 10 days after the last contact with the positive household member. Masks will be required for 5 days following the isolation period after a covid infection.
- **Covid Quarantine and Isolation Procedures:** Covid positive students must be isolated for five days from the onset of symptoms, or the positive test (test date/first day of symptoms is day 0). The return to school date will be provided by your child's school nurse. They can return to school on day six, as long as they are fever free without the use of medication, and are required to wear a mask at all times through day ten. On days 6-10, students will eat snacks outside the classroom. For lunch, we kindly ask if you can pick them up and return them to school when lunch is over to give them a mask break. If you can not pick up your child, they will eat in a separate location. Students can access missed work and homework through Google Classroom.
- **Symptomatic Students:** Parents of symptomatic students should keep their child home and contact their child's nurse prior to sending their child to school. When illness occurs in school including symptoms consistent with Covid-19, the student will be required to wear a mask until they are picked up.
- **Covid Testing:** If your child has symptoms of Covid 19 it is highly recommended they be tested. All doctor's offices, clinics and home tests will be accepted.