

Covid 19 Guidance for 2024-2025 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.
 - **Symptomatic Students:** Parents of symptomatic students should keep their child home and report the absence on the district absence lines. 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. *Common signs and symptoms of Covid 19 are: new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, new smell or taste disorder, fever, chills, myalgia, headache, sore throat, stomach pain, fatigue, congestion and runny nose.*
 - **Masks:** Students choosing to wear a mask will be supported and instruction will be provided to our students on respecting the decisions of others. Masks are recommended for 5 days following the exclusion period after a covid 19 infection.
 - **Covid Exclusion Procedures:** Covid 19 positive students must be excluded from school until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication and symptoms are improving. Symptoms are improving means that the student is no longer feeling ill and able to participate comfortably in the educational setting as they did prior to illness. Any remaining symptoms should be mild or infrequent. Once students return to normal activities, it is recommended they take additional precautions for the next 5 days, which include wearing a mask indoors while around others and practicing good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
 - **Covid Testing:** If your child has symptoms of Covid 19, testing is recommended. All doctor's offices, clinics and home tests will be accepted.
- If you have any further questions, please contact your child's school nurse.**