



GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Greenwich Township School District will offer access to PCR COVID-19 testing for enrolled students with written consent from parents. The District is currently working with LTS Emergency Response, a vendor assigned to Gloucester County by the State of New Jersey, to provide on-site testing for employees required to provide testing results under Executive Order #253. This service is offered as a courtesy and neither employees nor students are required to utilize the on-site service. In order to participate, parents/guardians would be required to complete and submit a consent for minor students form and to accompany the student to the testing site. Parents/guardians would be required to remain with students throughout the testing process. PCR tests are conducted on Thursdays at Nehaunsey Middle School between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 pm. For additional information, please reach out to your school nurse or visit our website for the Consent Form.

The District will continue to complete contact tracing investigations and appropriate notifications as advice from school physician and/or state and local DOH officials dictate. Any students or employees identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19+ individual have been, and will continue to be, contacted by representatives of the District and provided necessary information regarding the exposure and quarantine requirements. Any student or staff member exhibiting Covid-like indicators should remain at home until symptoms have stopped.

The District will continue to balance the need to inform those at-risk or exposed with the right to privacy of our students and staff. Since September 1, 2021, 43 individuals within our school district community have tested positive for the coronavirus or about 8.3% of our total school population. This includes students and employees, a total of over 500 people. The District will update this information periodically, but we are unable to provide any specific information or other identifying characteristics about the individuals who have tested positive because that could violate the person's right to privacy about his or her health.

We will continue to follow protocols and advice recommended by the school physician and/or state and local Department of Health Officials. Their guidance and District guidelines may change as circumstances warrant.

We understand the level of concern among the public regarding both exposure to COVID-19 and the educational impact of being excluded from in-person learning. Our health and safety protocols attempt to balance each concern in order reduce possible exposure to COVID-19 at school while still providing a thorough and efficient education to our students.

As always, we appreciate your efforts to support the schools in our mission to secure the health, safety, and educational progress of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Foley Hindman".

Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman