



## GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Greenwich Township Parents and Guardians:

As we receive and review changing guidance from federal, state, and local authorities regarding COVID-19, we continue to make changes to the practices identified in our Greenwich Township Education, Health and Safety Plan in order to balance the health and safety of our students and staff with our mission to provide a thorough, efficient, and consistent education for our students.

Based on recent guidance, with consideration of current state, region, and local COVID-19 activity level indicators, and in consultation with our local medical health care providers, beginning March 7, 2022, we will provide parents with two options when their child is identified as a close contact under our contact tracing protocols for possible exposure at school.

Our school nurses will complete contact tracing and contact parents as they have in the past; however, when a student is identified by our school nurses as a possible close contact at school with another individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, he/she will no longer be REQUIRED to quarantine/isolate. Parents will be given two options:

1. The child may remain in school as long as he or she remains asymptomatic
2. The child may complete the recommended quarantine with virtual learning opportunities

These options will be communicated to parents by our school nurses as part of the contact tracing notification process. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school nurse for support.

Please note that due to increased possibility of transmission within the home, household contacts must still observe the recommended isolation/quarantine period.

The Greenwich Township School District will continue to offer access to COVID-19 testing through an outside vendor for enrolled students with written consent from parents. More information on this process can be located on our website or via our school nurses. **Pre-registration and consent form procedures are imposed by LTS and the District cannot waive these requirements. Additionally, any student opting to participate in the on-site testing is required to wear a mask from entrance to the building, throughout the process, and until he or she exits the building.**

It remains critical that those who exhibit any identified COVID-19 symptoms outside of school hours be kept at home. Please continue to support the health and safety of our students and staff by monitoring your child's health closely and following these expectations.

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