



District Update October 28, 2020

Week of November 2 Lunch

Due to the fact that the District has shifted to a full virtual week of instruction for the week of November 2nd, there will be no in person lunch distribution. Families who choose so, may bring home the equivalent extra lunches for the week, at dismissal this Friday.

Phase 2 Update

Thank you to all of the families who completed the commitment form indicating whether your child will be a hybrid or opt out classification for Phase 2 which begins on November 9th.

- Families who have chosen to move from Opt Out to Hybrid will receive notification Monday via the Genesis Portal as to what Cohort their child will be in come November 9th.
- If your child was a hybrid classification during Phase 1, your child will remain in the same Cohort they were in for Phase 1.
- We will contact families of students who we are recommending attend four days in person by next week.
- Pre-School Families in Mr. Robin Bernaducci's class will be receiving a new schedule starting Nov. 9th due to enrollment. In -person students will still attend every day however the time of your class may be different.

For those families who did not complete the form, your child will remain as the classification he/she was for Phase 1.

Upcoming Calendar Reminders

Thursday, October 29

- Cohort B In-Person

Friday, October 30

- Cohort B In-Person
- In-Person Halloween Dress-Up
- No PM Sessions/UNPLUGGED

Monday, November 2

- Full Virtual Day
- GoogleClassroom assignments with designated teacher check-ins during the day at 9 am, 12 pm and 230 pm.

Tuesday, November 3

- Election Day
- Full Virtual Day of Instruction - ****CALENDAR CHANGE****

Wednesday, November 4

- Full Virtual Day
- Opt Out Packet Pick-Ups (12:45 PM - 5:00 PM)

Thursday, November 5

- NO SCHOOL - NJEA VIRTUAL CONVENTION AS PER CALENDAR
- Cohort B Packet Pick-Ups (8:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Friday, November 6

- NO SCHOOL - NJEA VIRTUAL CONVENTION AS PER CALENDAR

Monday, November 9

- Phase 2 BEGINS

COVID Protocol Reminders

As we move towards the chillier weather, flu season and the holiday season, now is a good time to revisit some of the core expectations that have played a significant role in helping us to make it this far into the school year with minimal to no disruptions. We must remind ourselves that our kids are watching and they follow our examples, particularly regarding health, wellness and safety.

Symptoms

If your child is exhibiting any of the symptoms on the morning health pre screening, please keep the child home and report the information to the school nurse.

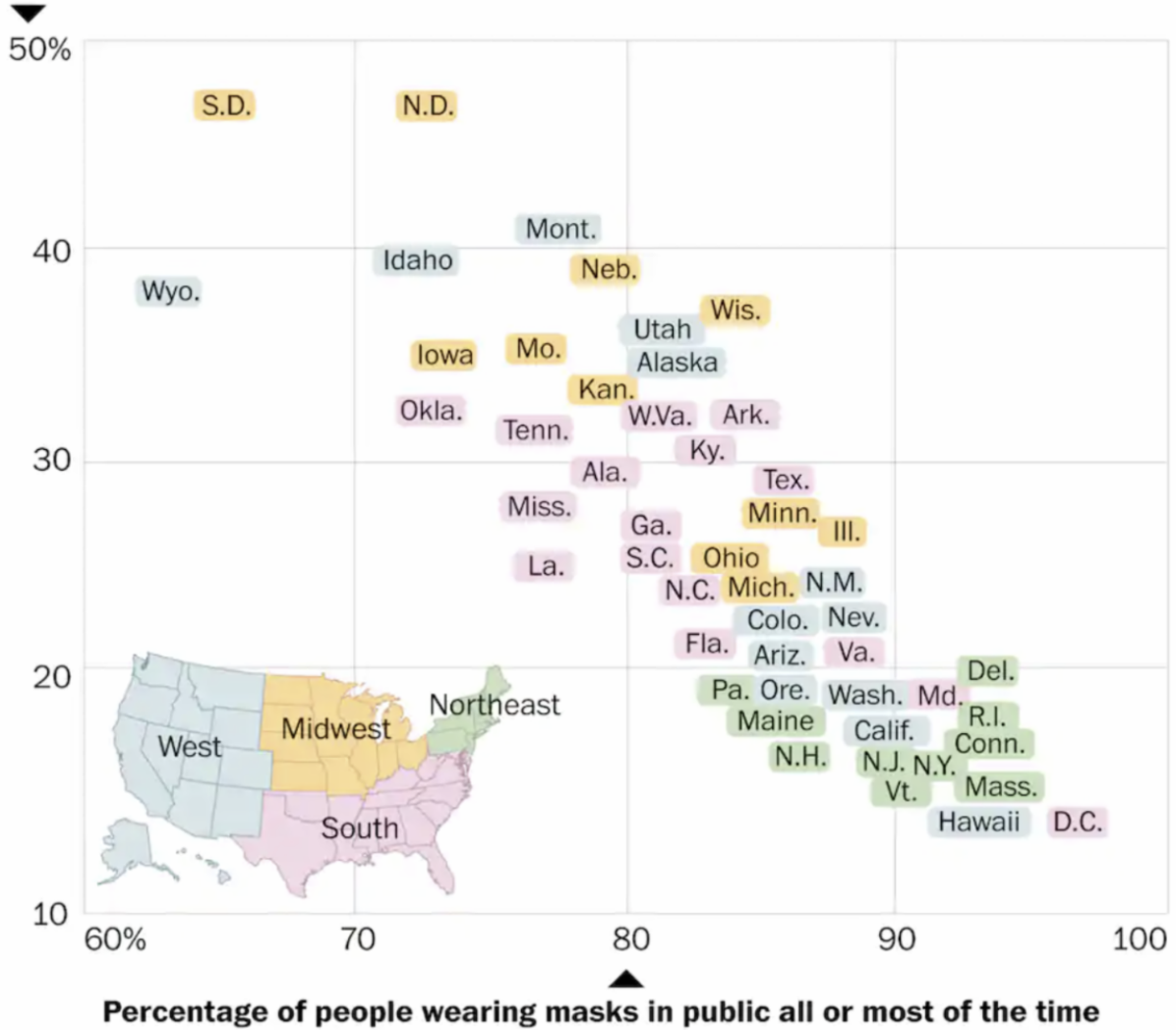
Masks

As noted in the chart found below, there is a strong correlation between the consistent wearing of face coverings/masks and the spread of the virus itself. We want to thank one and all for their consistent attention to this as a mitigation strategy. This along with everything else that our community, inside and outside of the school buildings are doing, goes a long way in helping to keep our schools open.

Masking up

Fewer covid-19 symptoms reported in states with higher rates of mask use.

Percentage of people who knows someone with covid-19 symptoms



Data as of Oct. 19, 2020

Source: Delphi COVIDCast, Carnegie Mellon University

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Halloween

In line with the mask protocols we ask that everyone remain vigilant during Halloween. Of course Halloween is a day that kids look forward to, but we simply ask to maintain that balance between fun and safety as we have grown accustomed to doing these past many months. For more information, you can visit the State of New Jersey Halloween Guidelines [here](#).

Travel and Quarantine

As we approach several school holidays and recesses, I want to remind our families of the State's guidelines regarding travel. As we all know, Governor Murphy has designated certain states, with increasing rates of COVID-19, to be placed on a quarantine list. Travelling to those destinations requires that you quarantine or isolate when you return home to New Jersey for 14 days. This includes travel by train, bus, car, plane and any other method of transportation. Where the 14-day quarantine period overlaps with the school calendar, it results in your children's inability to return to in-person instruction. The State of New Jersey Travel Advisory and Quarantine Guidelines may be found [here](#).

COVID-19 Tests

Just a reminder that if your child goes for a COVID-19 test, please share that information directly with both your child's school nurse and the building principal. Students should not return to school until the negative test result is confirmed.

Thank you all for your continued vigilance as we navigate through these difficult times. With your support, we will continue to meet the challenges ahead.

Michael Jordan

Superintendent of Schools