

Good evening, I hope all is well. The following communication is sent to everyone, regardless of Hybrid or Opt Out classification. As we begin Phase 2 on Monday, it is important to please take note of the information below.

We are now moving into the holiday season where the likelihood of travel and larger gatherings increases. I am simply reaching out to remind everyone that our number one priority as a community is to get back to full in person instruction as soon as possible. Simply put our kids need to be in school. This will only be accomplished with the collective efforts of many. Ironically in these crazy times, schools are one of the safest places for kids simply because the precautions that we are all asked to embrace in our lives are not only taken in school, but more importantly they are mandatory, not optional.

Although the District cannot mandate how staff, students and parents do or do not deal with these precautions outside of school, we can only suggest and plead for continued cooperation and vigilance. This applies to all District families as regardless of whether your children are in person or not, they undoubtedly share time outside of school with each other and therefore vigilance and cooperation on the part of everyone is critical. We have a collective responsibility to make sure that those families who want their children to continue to attend school in person, have the greatest chance to do so, with everyone pulling in the same direction. The District applauds everyone's efforts.

Phase 2 begins on Monday, November 9th and all Hybrid families are asked to pay close attention to the following information.

At the bottom of this memo you will find the **NEW** Morning Daily Health Screening Google Form. This form is to be filled out each morning prior to bringing your child to school (not the evening before). In phase 2 in particular, this requirement is mandatory. We have been very fair in Phase 1, understanding that the transition from the summer was challenging, but as we enter Phase 2, these procedures should be second nature to everyone.

Please note that the form is different. It will clearly ask you to note the cohort your child is in and the date that you are filling it out. It also notes that if your child is experiencing any of the symptoms listed on the form that particular morning then the child is to be kept home and the parent is to call the school nurse with the relevant information. This is a Bergen County Health Department recommendation that is to be followed. The specific health form question I refer to is as follows:

***Is your child experiencing any of the following symptoms this morning: Headache, Chills, Fatigue, Loss of Smell or Taste, Sore Throat, Nausea/Vomiting, Diarrhea, Sustained Cough, Shortness of Breath, Difficulty Breathing? IF YES, PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME AND CONTACT THE SCHOOL NURSE WITH SPECIFIC INFORMATION.***

As always, if you notice that your child is struggling and in need of mental health or academic support, please don't hesitate to reach out to your homeroom teacher, guidance counselor, nurse or Principal for assistance.

In conclusion, we encourage everyone to do their part by remaining vigilant and sensible in their approach to dealing with this public health concern. Please adhere to mask wearing, handwashing, and social distancing protocols in all your personal, social, and recreational activities so that we can get back to "normal" as soon as we can. Our kids need it and they deserve it.

**This form is to be completed every morning prior to sending your child to in-person instruction at either Memorial or MAS.**

**It will be emailed each morning at 6 am and will be found on the website in the *District Updates* tab.**

**DAILY STUDENT HEALTH PRE-SCREENING FORM**

Thanks,

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Superintendent of Schools

## RESOURCES FOR ALL DISTRICT FAMILIES

### **Centers for Disease Control Prevention Promoted Safeguards**

- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms and checking with your physician if you are ill;
- Getting tested for COVID-19 if you suspect you may have it ([Click HERE to find a location near you.](#));
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering; and
- Reminding your friends, family, and neighbors of ALL THE ABOVE.

### **COVID Resources**

- NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:  
[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_community.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml)
- Get the Facts about Coronavirus:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Symptoms of COVID-19:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptomstesting/symptoms.html>
- Testing:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>;  
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>
- How to Protect Yourself:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-gettingsick/prevention.html>

- What to Do if You Are Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>