



Good evening, I hope you are well. I wanted to update and remind you of a few items of importance.

COVID 19 Regional Matrix Update

As noted in a prior correspondence, I indicated to the District that Bergen County is now in the “**Orange**” level of the regional matrix. I indicated that I would update you as to the weekly changes to that matrix. The matrix is updated each Thursday and therefore was updated as of Thanksgiving afternoon. I can report that Bergen County remains in the “Orange” level.

Bergen County schools have been notified that if and when the matrix level turns to “Red” for Bergen County, Districts will then become fully remote. We continue to await State guidance as to whether that will be the case or not. Please note that the District is also in consistent contact with the Boro regarding Maywood’s COVID data as a whole, as community transmission data plays a role in our overall decision making as well.

There are a few items of importance that shift to being **MANDATORY** due to an “**Orange**” classification. Please see below for these important changes.

Symptoms (MANDATORY IN ORANGE LEVEL)

If your child is exhibiting any of the COVID-19 symptoms on the morning health pre screening, please keep the child home and report the information to the school nurse.

Students with COVID-19 symptoms are to remain home until one of these two conditions are met:

- 1) At least fourteen calendar days have passed since symptom onset
- 2) They have a negative COVID-19 PCR Test. Rapid tests may no longer be used. Note that an alternative diagnosis will no longer be accepted for a return to school.

Siblings (MANDATORY IN ORANGE LEVEL)

If a student remains home because he/she is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, any siblings must also remain home until a negative COVID-19 test is confirmed for the symptomatic sibling. The same goes for any other member of the house who may be exhibiting symptoms. In other words, if ANYONE in the house has COVID-19 symptoms, all Maywood students who live in that house should move to remote learning until a negative PCR test is confirmed for the symptomatic family member.

Close Contact (MANDATORY in ORANGE LEVEL)

If your child has been determined to be a Close Contact (within 6' for 15 cumulative minutes over a 24-hour period) of someone diagnosed with COVID-19, please keep your child home and notify your child's principal and school nurse.

COVID-19 Tests (MANDATORY IN ORANGE LEVEL)

If your child goes for a COVID-19 test, whether because of symptoms or not, please share that information directly with both your child's school nurse and the building principal. Students cannot return to school until the negative PCR test result is confirmed.

School Reporting Protocol (Reminder)

Please note that for consistency purposes and a centralized approach to info gathering, all parents should email the following personnel any and all medical/health information relating to their child, COVID testing, close contacts etc. We ask to email only the following people so that nothing gets lost in the shuffle.

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As always, thank you for your anticipated cooperation and support.

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