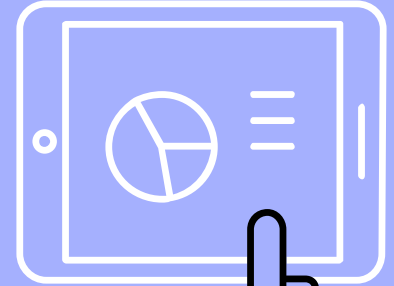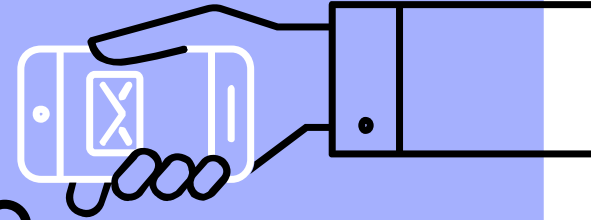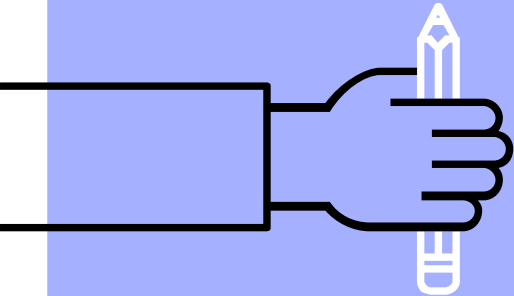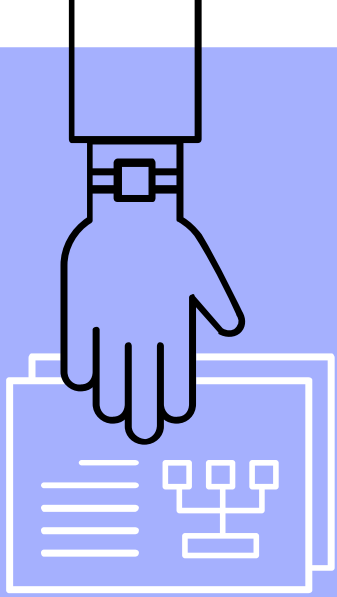# Managing the COVID-19 Crisis: Impact on Schools

Superintendent Coffee Chat, December 1, 2020

What is a coffee chat?

▷ Informal: grab a cup of coffee
▷ Presentation: we start with a short presentation
▷ Conversation: we leave time for questions and casual conversation

Enjoy some time together

Talking Points

Where can parents find information?

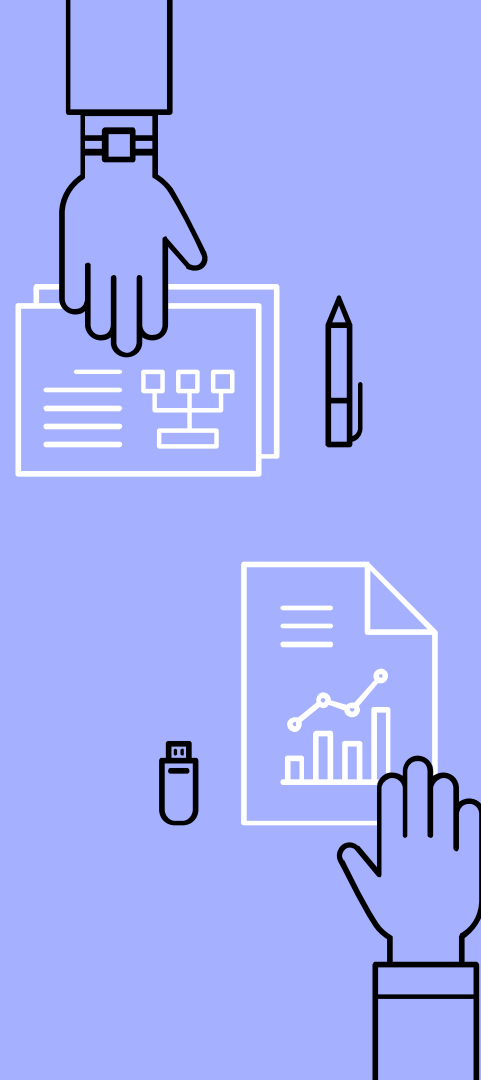What are the successes we've seen in schools?

How does contact tracing work in schools?

How is the district monitoring instruction?

What is the district doing for the social and emotional needs of students?

How is the district enhancing technology?

A look at some COVID monitoring tools.

Information: Where can I find it?

Our district website (main page)

Superintendent's Corner

COVID 19 Update Video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64ufH9Lmoz Q&t=257s

NJ Department of Health Dashboard
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_d ashboard.shtml

COVID-19 Activity Reports
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/

Success for Schools

We observe low levels of school transmission.

Statewide there were 66 school outbreaks, 1 from Hunterdon County.

Social distancing and wearing a mask work to prevent transmission.

Enhanced cleaning protocols ensure surfaces are 'germ' free.

Our *Readington Ready* Plan is working.

Consultation and communication with the Health Department occurs:

▷ Weekly Superintendent calls
▷ Nurse contact to DOH nurses

Contact Tracing

Notification comes from parents or from the DOH.

Our response to identify close contacts:

▷ Gather class seating charts
▷ Gather bus seating charts
▷ Review the student(s) schedule and interview teachers
▷ Review the restroom sign-out log
▷ Interview the positive student(s) or parent(s) (DOH responsibility)
▷ Gather all data and report to the DOH

Instruction and Program

What are we doing to monitor the teaching and learning process during hybrid learning?

▷ Use of our instructional coaches
▷ Collection of student achievement data
- Math i-Ready diagnostic
- ELA running records and writing benchmarks
▷ Monitoring our pacing

Social-emotional learning

We have instituted check-ins with students quarterly or more often if needed.

We have developed 4 SEL parent talks throughout the school year.

Child Assault and Prevention (CAP) program at RMS.

Technology: Keeping us up to date

Purchased of more Chromebooks to replace older devices.

Purchased of iPads via a grant for Kindergarten.

Developed a "Technology Ambassadors" program.

NJDOH Activity Report

It is a weekly report that monitors the COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI)

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/

Why is the report important?

▷ Divides the state into six (6) regions where COVID-19 activity is monitored. This allows for more local metrics.

▷ Contains easy-to-use color coding.

▷ There are three (3) indices that make up the CALI score: case rates, percent of COVID-like illness, and percent positive.

▷ Schools launch protocols based on the weekly color code.
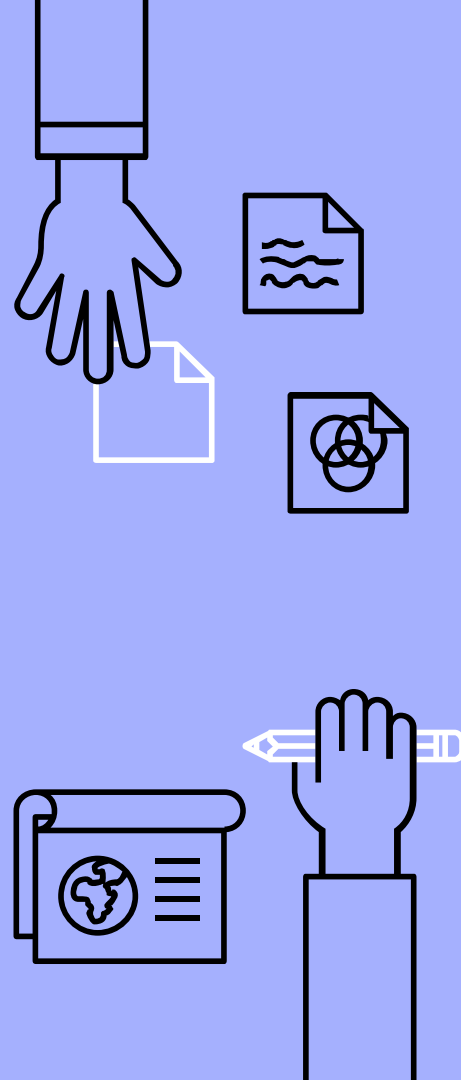
What does the report look like?

Our region

COVID-19 Activity Level Report
New Jersey Department of Health
Communicable Disease Service
Week ending August 15, 2020 (MMWR week 33)[1]

COVID-19 Statewide Activity Level Timeline

2/15/20 · 2/22/20 · 2/29/20 · 3/7/20 · 3/14/20 · 3/21/20 · 3/28/20 · 4/4/20 · 4/11/20 · 4/18/20 · 4/25/20 · 5/2/20 · 5/9/20 · 5/16/20 · 5/23/20 · 5/30/20 · 6/6/20 · 6/13/20 · 6/20/20 · 6/27/20 · 7/4/20 · 7/11/20 · 7/18/20 · 7/25/20 · 8/1/20 · 8/8/20 · 8/15/20

Low · Moderate · High · Very High

Region[2]	Current Activity Level
Northwest	LOW
Northeast	LOW
Central West	MODERATE
Central East	MODERATE
Southwest	MODERATE
Southeast	MODERATE
STATEWIDE	MODERATE

COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI)

	Case Rate[3]	Percent CLI[4]	Percent Positivity[5]	CALI Score[6]
Northwest	3.17	1.49	2.07	1
Northeast	2.32	1.66	1.50	1
Central West	1.87	1.86	1.33	2
Central East	2.24	1.70	1.34	2

Activity Report

November 14, 2020

Color code: orange

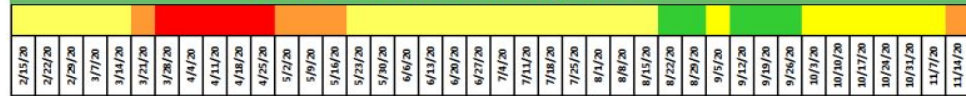The majority of the state turned orange. By the week of November 21, the entire state was orange.

What does the change to orange mean?

▷ The color coding assists schools with the response to COVID-19.
▷ Green and yellow colors have the Department of Health (DOH) contact tracing only positive cases.
▷ Orange color has the school, in collaboration with the DOH, contact tracing presumptive positive cases.
▷ Presumptive positive cases are those cases exhibiting symptoms.
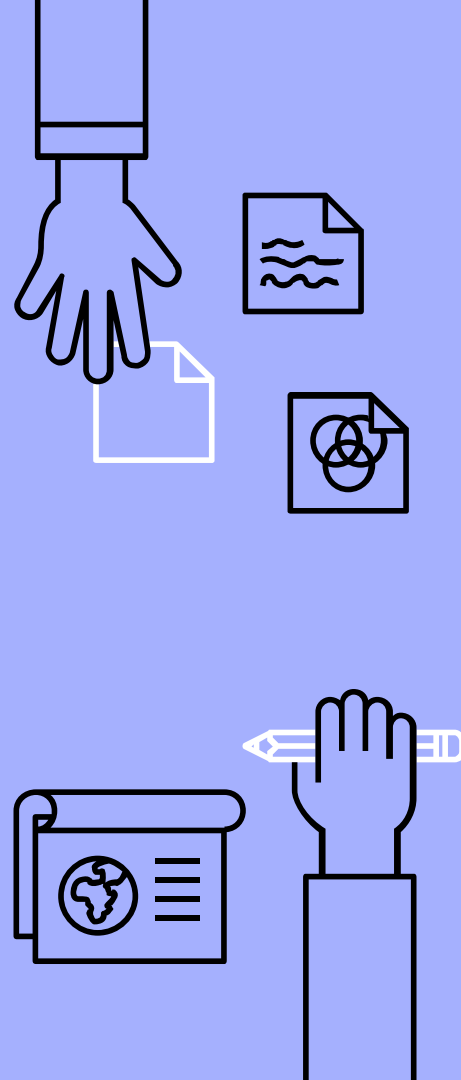
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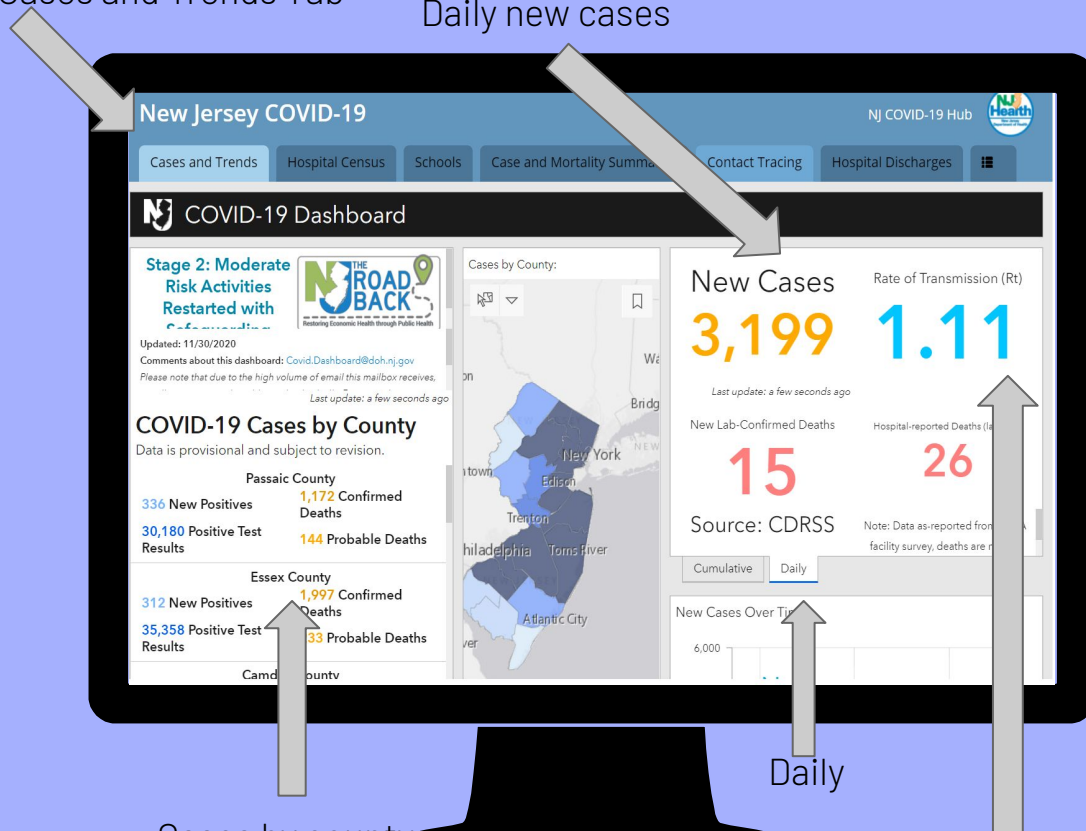Cases and Trends "Tab" shows:

Daily new cases statewide

Cases by county

Transmission rate

Cases and Trends Tab

Daily new cases

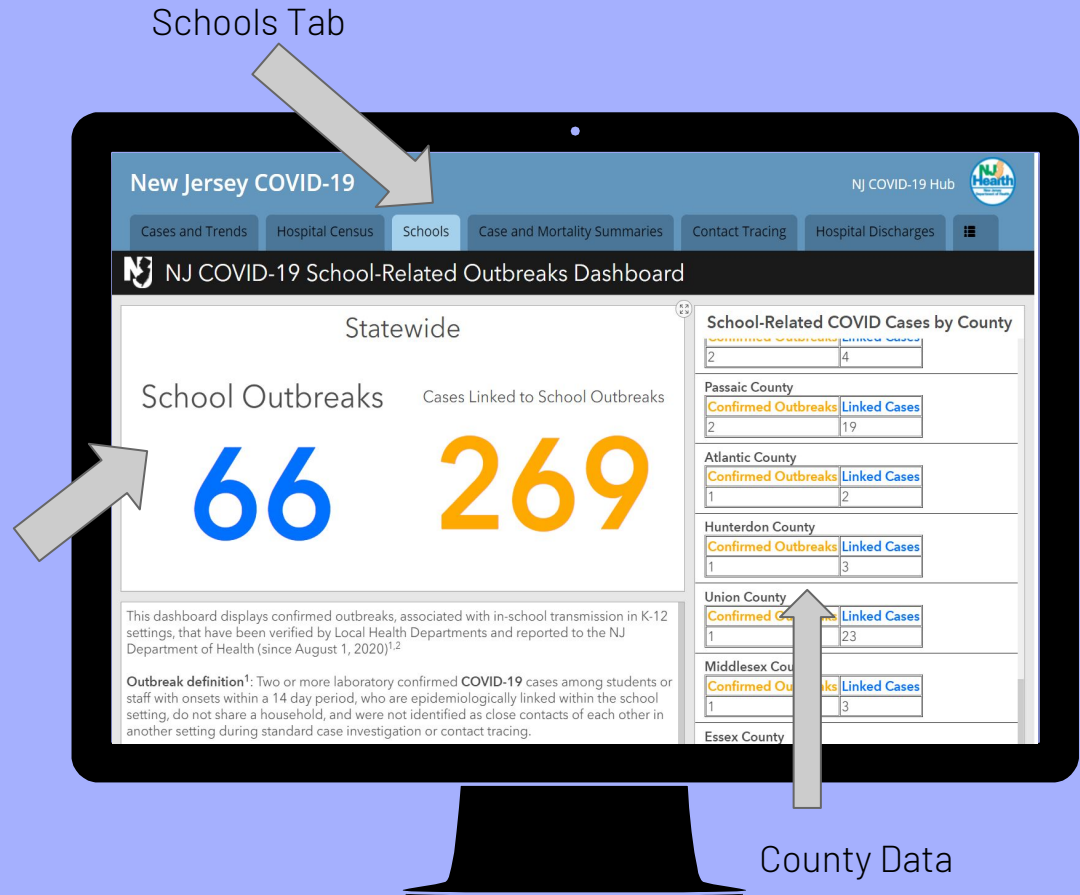Cases by county

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School outbreaks by county

Cases linked to schools

Schools Tab

County Data

THANKS!

Any questions?