

COVID Updates: Moving Forward in the New Year

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Our goal is to prioritize **in-person, full-time** instruction to the extent possible. We are hoping for **minimal interruption** to students' instructional schedules. We will do this while balancing the requirements of the public health situation.

1.

Statistics

What is our case count? What did attendance look like yesterday?

Student attendance data:

1/3/22		
	Virtual	Absent
District:	73	203
RMS*	37	50
HBS	19	41
TBS	15	45
WHS	2	67

*RMS Absent includes 1 student that left early

1/4/22		
	Virtual	Absent
District:	127	132
RMS	54	34
HBS	31	25
TBS	27	27
WHS	15	46

Positive Cases Dashboard:

2021-2022

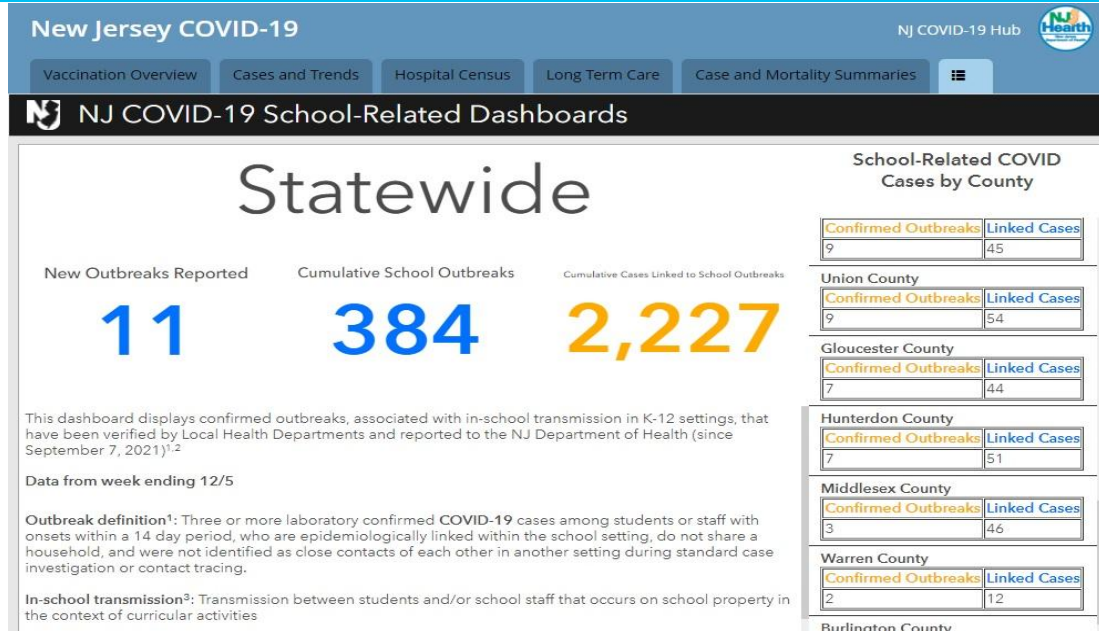
Building	Staff Members	Students
RMS	7	65
HBS	5	27
WHS	7	16
TBS	8	13
BOE/District	5	
Total	32	121

Last Updated: 1/4/22

January 2022

Building	Staff Members	Students
RMS	2	36
HBS	2	11
WHS	2	3
TBS	5	3
BOE/District	1	
Total	12	53

In School Transmission



We have not received word from the Department of Health regarding any within school outbreak. I am aware of 2 cases that were *suspected* in-school transmission:

- » 3 case at RMS (during lunch and sports)
- » 1 case at TBS in preschool

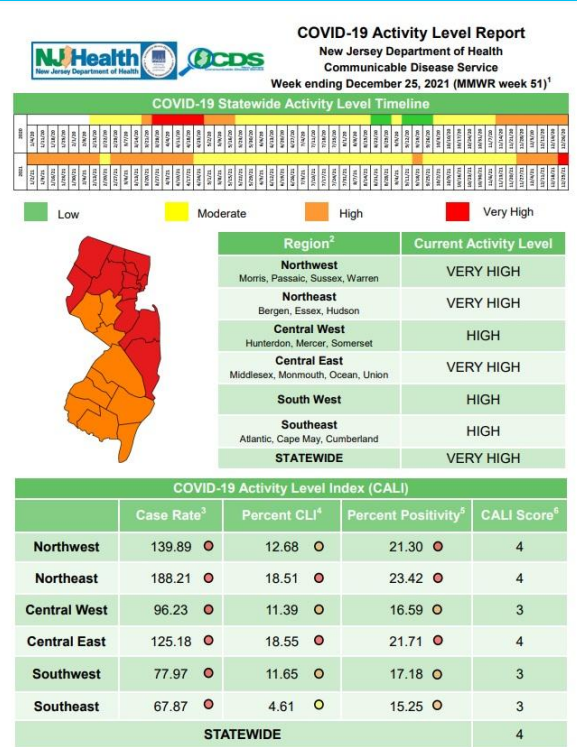
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COVID Activity Report

How has the COVID Activity Report changed?

Activity Report

December 25, 2021 Report.
 Our region remains orange,
 much of the state is red.
 Our region will likely turn red
 based on activity.



3.

Safety Measures

What are the current safety measures? What may change as the Activity Report changes?

Distancing: 3 foot distance between student desks.

Barriers: Barriers in high traffic areas and offices.

Hand Hygiene: Protocols for student hand washing during school

Cleaning/Sanitizing: Daily rounds of cleaning, electrostatic sprayers, increase outdoor airflow, sanitizer and soap available in classrooms.

If our region turns “red” the following will be suspended in order to prioritize in-person learning:

- » Sports
- » Clubs
- » Field trips
- » Facility Use
- » Visitors/In-Person meetings in school

4.

Some things to come...

What is test to stay? What are the new CDC guidelines? Could this impact schools?

Test to stay combines contact tracing and serial testing to allow asymptomatic school-associated close contacts who are not fully vaccinated and do not test positive for COVID to continue in-person learning, should a parent choose.

This would involve:

- » Identifying in-school close contacts;
- » Testing close contacts every other day for approximately 10 days;
- » Obtaining parental consent.

New Quarantine time frames from CDC state: “For people who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, CDC now recommends quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days.” So...

- » 5 days of quarantine for close contacts
- » 5 days of isolation for positive cases

Fully vaccinated definition has been adjusted as identified above.

Both of these options maintain students in-school for in-person learning.

If our priority continues to be in-person learning, these options will be investigated.

...more details to come.

5.

Hybrid Instruction: Cameras On

What is hybrid instruction? Can my child log in to class?

There are 3 cases where children can log in remotely:
If they are identified as a close contact in school and are quarantined.

If they are identified as a close contact elsewhere (at home, etc) and are quarantined- please notify school.

If they are COVID positive and have recovered but are still in the 10-day isolation period.

Grade K-5: Teachers will have cameras on for all core academic periods (math, ELA, science, social studies).

Grades 6-8: Teachers will have cameras on for all 8 periods of instruction.

We plan to have cameras on during this surge of COVID. Our plans are to reevaluate on January 14 and 21 to see how many cases we have quarantined or positive.

We plan to reinstate tutoring sessions before February. This is intended to be **short-term in nature**, prioritizing in-person instruction.

THANKS!

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Any questions?

