



BRIGANTINE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Where Everyone is Someone

January 13, 2021

Dear Brigantine Families,

As we continue to move forward with our return to in-person instruction starting again on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, we are in need of your continued assistance and collaboration. The state of New Jersey continues to experience COVID-19 transmission among school-aged children, and since our leave in December, there have been changes to the New Jersey Department of Health guidelines. Please know that transmission in school-aged children is difficult to differentiate, as signs/symptoms are often mild, and it may not be possible to clinically distinguish COVID-19 from other illnesses. The district will continue to follow the NJDOH updated guidelines regarding COVID-19 diagnosis, testing and exclusions. These updates can be found by clicking [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). Please see below for these updated procedures that we hope will continue to allow us to provide in-person instruction five days a week.

If your student has traveled outside of New Jersey, they are to quarantine for 14 days, before returning to school.

If there is **ANY** exposure to COVID-19 in your household, to any member of your family, your student must stay home and quarantine according to CDC guidelines and notify the Nurses Office.

If your student is experiencing **ONE** COVID-19 symptom, your student must stay home. Please notify your Pediatrician of the illness and notify the Nurses Office if the Pediatrician is recommending testing and/or quarantine for ten days from the onset of the illness.

If your student is sent to the health office with COVID-19 symptoms (see below), based upon the guidelines released January 1, 2021, your student will need to be picked up in a timely manner.

Students cannot return to school unless they have a negative COVID-19 test result. Once the test result is received by the school nurse, the student may return to school on the next scheduled day **IF** they remain symptom free.

If the parent/guardian does not produce a negative test result, the student must isolate for 10 days at home. The student **may not** attend school until their 10-day quarantine is completed.

Please note that an alternative diagnosis is no longer acceptable from your physician. We kindly ask that you not send your child to school with any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or with any cold or flu-like symptoms.

In addition, we have provided links below with updated COVID-19 resources. We know that this has been a challenging time for all families as guidance continues to change, but please know that we appreciate your cooperation and support with this matter. As always, if you have any questions please reach out to our incredible nursing staff for assistance. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

[COVID-19 signs & symptoms](#)

[NJ Testing sites](#)

Yours in Education,

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