



## Robbinsville Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please review the following information as we prepare to return to in-person learning:

### **DAILY HEALTH SCREENING CHANGES**

In anticipation of our return to hybrid learning on Tuesday January 19th, our school nurses have revised our Health Screening COVID-19 form on Genesis to align with the Department of Health guidelines that were revised on December, 22nd, 2020 which can be accessed at this link: [NJDOH COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations Revised December 22, 2020](#).

The new version of the Health Screening COVID-19 form will be in effect starting tomorrow Wednesday January 13th, 2021. As we all do our part to keep our students and staff safe please note the following reminders and updates.

If a form is not filled out for a student that is attending in person, that student is sent to a central location to be screened by the School Nurse, this will result in lost time in the classroom. The student will remain in that central location until the form has been submitted by a parent. In order to assure this doesn't happen please make sure to fill out the form for all students attending school in person. In addition, please make sure your contact information is updated in the Genesis Parent Portal so we can reach you quickly in the event we need to have a form submitted for your child or in an emergency.

Please note that there are some changes to the form due to changes in NJ state health guidelines. Specifically, a question has been added that asks if anyone that lives in the home is sick with COVID symptoms and/or has a COVID-19 test pending. If this occurs, any person in that household including other students must quarantine for 14 days from date of last contacts or tests negative for COVID-19.

If a household member has a positive COVID-19, please contact the school nurse for further instruction.

### **SYMPTOMS**

Further, siblings of students who exhibit possible signs of COVID-19 will also be sent home due to exposure within the family unit. We appreciate your cooperation with this as we follow protocol in order to keep our students and staff safe and work to continue to keep schools open. You may get a call to pick up your child during the school day if your child is sick and/or showing one of the symptoms on the COVID-19 Health Screening form OR has been exposed to someone who has possible symptoms of COVID-19. and following the district's hybrid model. In accordance with new guidelines exposure has been changed to include exposure over a 24-hour period for a cumulative amount of time of 15 minutes.

If your student is sick and you are asked to pick up your child, you must as soon as possible. Please make alternate arrangements if you cannot make it within that time period. Again, please make sure the Genesis Parent Portal is updated with current emergency contacts with permission to pick up.

### **TRAVEL GUIDELINES**

If you and/or your family/children travel outside of the immediate region (New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) the household including the student will have to quarantine. Please contact the School Nurse for further direction regarding the length of quarantine and return to school. There are exceptions for essential travel and custody arrangements. Please refer to this site from the NJDOH for the exceptions and to check if the place you plan to or have traveled to is on the travel restriction list: [NJDOH Travel Restrictions](#).

On January 1st, the NJDOH released communication to Pediatricians regarding new guidelines for students to return to school after being sick OR showing possible symptoms of COVID-19. Please see the blurb below from that communication.

## **COVID POSITIVE**

New Guidelines for Testing Children Suspected of having COVID-19 Prior to Return to School:

In the context of an ongoing state-wide second wave, New Jersey continues to experience COVID-19 transmission among school-aged children. In children, signs/symptoms are often mild, and it may not be possible to clinically distinguish COVID-19 from other illnesses. For this reason, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) recommends that any child with COVID-19 compatible symptoms should not return to school until they have either received a negative viral test (molecular or antigen) for SARS-CoV-2 or they have completed an isolation period of at least 10 days since symptom onset and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications with symptom improvement. A purely clinical alternative diagnosis is no longer acceptable.

In accordance with these new guidelines at this time the district **cannot accept an alternate diagnosis from a Doctor** to allow your child to return to school. In order to return to school your child must have either:

1. A negative viral test for SARS-coV-2
2. Have completed a quarantine of at least 14 days since symptoms started **AND**

Be fever free without medication and with symptom improvement for at least 24 hours

## **COVID NEGATIVE**

Lastly, please remember that District illness policies and guidelines are still in effect. For example, if a student tests negative for COVID-19 that student must still be 24 hours fever free or symptom free (diarrhea/vomiting) before returning to school. We ask that when you enter absences in the Genesis Parent Portal or call the school health line that you provide specific reasons as to why your child will be absent.

In an effort to present a safe environment for both students and staff, Robbinsville will continue to monitor and advise our school community of any new recommendations. Thank you to all of our school nurses who have worked tirelessly in preparing our schools to reopen as safe and secure as possible.

We thank you for your support and cooperation in ensuring a safe environment for our students and staff so we can continue to keep our schools open.

Very truly yours,



Brian J. Betze  
Superintendent