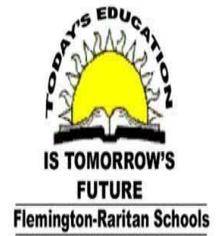


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Dear Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Parents, Staff and Community Members,

As December is underway, our school doors will be open next week for in-person learning! Families who have selected all remote learning for their child will continue to have the opportunity to participate in the District's all remote learning academy. Our District remains committed to delivering in-person instruction to the extent the District can successfully meet the following guidelines:

- 1) Health and safety factors are maintained according to the State and National Standards;
- 2) Buildings are staffed to meet all safety standards as dictated in the District's [Returning with Confidence Plan](#);
- 3) Contact tracing is completed as required by the local health department to identify and exclude close contacts according to [CDC guidance](#);
- 4) Our region remains in the "green," "yellow," or "orange" rating and does not move into the "red" level according to the [COVID Activity report](#).

With regard to contact tracing (item number three listed above), the New Jersey Department of Health requires the District to adhere to all prevention and control measures when operating school for in-person learning when our region is in the "orange" level. Please know that there have been instances this week and last week when the District has had to exclude an entire classroom of students and the teacher(s) when it was confirmed that a student arrived at school with symptoms. Parents, to help ensure the health and safety of all, please do not send your child into school if they have cold, flu, or COVID-19 symptoms or if you have given your child fever-reducing medication to ease these symptoms. Check with our school nurses or your child's primary care physician if you are unsure about whether or not to send your child to school.

To conduct contact tracing and keep our school doors open, our school nurses continue to support the NJ Department of Health in contact tracing both individuals who are confirmed or presumed positive as well as individuals who have certain symptoms. I am so grateful to our nurses for the work they are doing! The majority of contact tracing is reliant upon the work of our school nurses.

With regard to current COVID-19 activity levels (item number four listed above), please be reminded that the NJ Department of Health classifies the spread of the virus through color-coding. Linked above is the state's latest COVID-19 activity level report. Our region remains at the "Orange" level, indicating a high risk of spread. If our region moves into the "Red" level, our schools will need to pivot to implement fully remote learning.

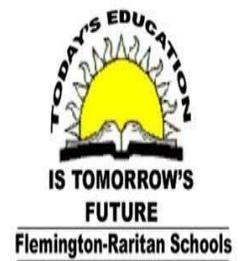
Schedule Reminder: Below is the district's upcoming schedule for Grades K-8:

Date	Cohort A	Cohort B
December 7-11	In-Person	Remote Learning
December 14-18	Remote Learning	In-Person
December 21-23*	In-Person	Remote Learning
* Winter Break will be held from December 24 through January 1. No instruction will be held.*		
** Parents who selected all-virtual instruction for their child will continue with all-remote learning. **		

Health Screening Reminder: Please complete the daily screening **each morning** prior to your child(ren) reporting to school for in-person learning. If a child arrives at school without a completed form, a parent will be contacted and the child will not be permitted to begin in-person learning. Log into the [Parent Portal](#); an alert will pop up, indicating that the Daily COVID Form is required; click on the "Daily COVID Form" to begin; answer all questions honestly and thoroughly.

Travel: Please contact your child's school principal if your child has been required to quarantine due to exposure or travel out of New Jersey to a state that is on New Jersey's list of quarantined states. The State of New Jersey issues a travel advisory for people traveling to our state or returning to New Jersey after having visited a location with a significant spread of COVID-19. The travel

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advisory requires a 14-day quarantine period upon returning to New Jersey. For the most up-to-date listing of those locations, please refer to the State's [FAQ website](#).

Gatherings: Please take precautions to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in all settings, particularly as the holidays are upon us. We continue to see an alarming increase in COVID-19 cases throughout our state. Please follow health protocols to keep all Flemington-Raritan families safe. Please continue to wash your hands, wear your mask, and follow the CDC guidance. Please continue to make healthy choices that will keep your family and our school community healthy and safe. Remember to follow the [CDC's guidance](#) to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. If you attend a gathering, please remember to:

- Prioritize attending outdoor activities over indoor activities and stay within your local area as much as possible.
- Bring supplies to help you and others stay healthy-- for example, masks, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, and drinking water.
- Maintain a distance of at least six feet or more from people who don't live in your household. Be particularly mindful in areas where it may be harder to keep this distance, such as check-in areas, parking lots, and entry/exit.
- Select seating or determine where to stand based on the ability to keep six feet of space from people who don't live in your household, including if you will be eating and drinking.
- Arrive at the event early or at off-peak times to avoid crowding and congested areas.
- Avoid using restrooms facilities or concession stands at high traffic times, such as intermission and half-time.
- Wear a mask when interacting with other people to minimize the risk of transmitting the virus.
- Avoid self-serve food or drink options, such as buffets, salad bars, and drink stations. Use grab-and-go meal options, if available.
- Use disposable food service items including utensils and dishes, if available.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer immediately before eating food or after touching any common surfaces like hand railings, payment kiosks, door handles, and toilets.

Wishing you good health,

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