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Superintendent of Schools

Stephen J. Brennan, MBA, CPA
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May 26, 2021

Honorable Governor Phil Murphy
255 West State Street
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy:

Barnegat was one of the first school districts in Ocean County to bring students back into the classrooms for full-week instruction in November. In April, we took another important step by safely transitioning from half-days to full days. We've taken steps to protect our teachers and staff by making the vaccine available for those that wanted it – prior to returning to full-day instruction. In addition, we have implemented various protective measures to ensure our staff and students are in the safest instructional environment possible. In many ways, you have entrusted the districts with this responsibility by providing a framework for our districts reopening plan but allowing districts to operate within the individuality of our community.

We have partnered with our local union leadership to create a clear and solid plan based on our local data. It started as a way to help the community and staff understand how decisions are made when planning virtual or in-person learning. School leadership has constantly worked to evolve the document to best support the children, staff, and families of our district. Now it can help in our decisions on screening and PPE requirements. Allow us to continue to lead our community out of this.

As the number of vaccinated individuals increases and the number of cases decreases here in Barnegat and Ocean County, we continue to move in the right direction. According to the Ocean County Department of Health, only 24 new cases have been recorded in Barnegat in the past two weeks.

While we realize this situation is fluid, we again are ready to continue steps to get us closer to normal. As of now, executive order 175, as well as the recommendation by the CDC, on masks requires those in schools to continue wearing masks. As always, our district is operating in compliance with all state mandates.

However, we believe we are at a point when the state policy regarding students and staff wearing masks at school – both indoors and outdoors – could be responsibly re-evaluated. In Barnegat we support a consideration for masks to be optional in schools– as long as data continues to trend in the right direction. We base our position on the latest local and federal data, as well as the proactive steps we've taken to increase vaccination rates in our school community. We believe we could safely take the next big step in getting back to normal. Within our respective reopening plans we urge you to allow districts to decide if masks are a necessity based on local data.

Sincerely,


Brian Latwis, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



Mr. Sean O'Brien
BOE President

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Barnegat Township School District

Considerations for Transitioning Between School Instructional Models Based on Level of Community COVID-19 Transmission and Impact on Local Schools

June 16, 2021

Background:

The spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in New Jersey in March 2020 resulted in schools transitioning to full-time remote learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. In July, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJ DOE) released [Grades K-12 Back-to-School Guidance](#) for the return to school in the fall. Because of continued COVID-19 community transmission and the unpredictability of the pandemic, schools were asked to plan for different instructional scenarios (in-person, remote, and hybrid) and maintain flexibility to adapt school learning to the constantly changing pandemic.

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide considerations for when schools can consider transitioning between the different instructional models in response to the changing community and school-based COVID-19 epidemiology. This guidance suggests an instructional model based on the COVID-19 level of:

1. Community transmission within Barnegat
2. Impact on individual school facilities

These two factors are incorporated into a decision matrix below that specifies a method of instruction suggested by the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services. Data related to these metrics will be displayed on the "School" tab on the analytics data dashboard available at: <https://covid19.nj.gov/#live-updates>. Each school and school district, however, operates in a unique context and with different facilities and space capacity, so school districts can choose to take a more or less restrictive approach, as deemed necessary based on the local situation. NJDOH will also work with school districts to implement public health protective measures based on specific situations.

Determining the Level of COVID-19 Community Transmission:

As a district we monitor what happens within the district as well as the community and regional impact. The criteria outlined in the table below is for determining local COVID-19 transmission level. For the purposes of this table we will use an average population of 23,655.

Criteria	Level of Community Transmission		
	Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
COVID-19 PCR test positivity as a 14 day window within Barnegat Township	< 3%	3 – 6%	>6%
*for the time period between 6/2/21 and 6/15/21	9 new cases in Barnegat 0.038%		

Determining the Level of COVID-19 School Impact (defined at the educational facility level):

To determine the school-specific COVID-19 impact level, NJ DOH suggests three criteria outlined in the table below. The overall level of school impact should be assigned based on the average of the following criteria. These criteria and impact levels may change during the school year as we better understand how COVID-19 impacts schools.

Criteria	Level of School Impact		
	Low	Medium	High
Transmission within the school facility	Zero or sporadic cases with no evidence of transmission within the school setting	One cluster* in the school	Two or more unrelated clusters* in the school with onset (based on source case symptom onset dates) within 14 days of each other
Student absenteeism due to illness	<10%	11-20%	>20%
Staff capacity to conduct classes and school operations [†]	Normal	Strained	Critical

* A cluster is defined as 3 or more individuals confirmed with COVID-19 who are part of a related group of individuals (e.g., classroom) who had the potential to transmit infection to each other through close contact. A classroom that has been quarantined because of close contact to a positive case does not correlate a cluster.

† This subjective assessment should factor in a school's ability to maintain adequate staff for facility operations, transportation, teaching, and administrative functions. **In addition, neighboring districts' decision to pivot to a virtual platform could have a significant impact on our ability to staff resulting in a possible switch to virtual instruction in Barnegat Schools.**

Criteria	Level of Impact to Barnegat School District (6/2- 6/15)		
	Low	Medium	High
Transmission within the school facility (Total Active Cases)	0 isolated student cases reported, zero clusters 0.00%		
Student absenteeism due to illness	Avg for the days of in person learning that took place during this cycle 7.20% student absent		
Staff capacity to conduct classes and school operations (Total positives and close contact quarantines)	0 staff positives 0.00% 0 staff members are quarantining due to close contact		

Decision Matrix for Transitioning Between Methods of Instruction:

Using the assigned community transmission and school impact levels, schools can use the table below to identify the least restrictive method of instruction suggested by NJ DOH.

		Level of Community Transmission		
		Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Level of School Impact	Low	In-Person Current Status 6/15	In-Person	District will consider remote
	Medium	In-Person	District will consider remote	Remote
	High	District will consider remote	Remote	Remote

** Depending on the level of COVID-19 transmission in the school and outbreak status, public health may recommend temporary closure of school and remote learning for a short period of time to control transmission before re-opening for in-person instruction.*

This matrix should serve as a guide for schools to consider when planning and making decisions around when to move between methods of instruction, regardless of which instructional model was chosen for initial school re-opening. NJ DOH will work with schools and districts to implement public health prevention measures and conduct contact tracing in the school setting for any person identified with COVID-19, and the State will work with local schools and communities to ensure adequate testing capacity and contact tracing resources.

In some circumstances, schools may want to take a more restrictive approach than what is suggested in the table above. For example, in situations with a “high” level of school impact but “minimal” community transmission, schools could consider a temporary short-term period of remote instruction. For schools that go to remote learning, that decision can be a short-term period (e.g., at least 2 weeks) of remote learning, or potentially longer, especially in situations with “high” community transmission.

An updated version of this memo will be released every week on Wednesday as a means of communicating the data the district will be reviewing when making decisions about the instructional model.

Reminder

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick (This cannot be stressed enough);
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school or in social settings;
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.
- CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings and when around people outside their household,

especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

- Please take every precaution to stop the spread of Covid 19 both inside and outside of the school day. [Click here for more information](#)

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Background:

The spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in New Jersey in March 2020 resulted in schools transitioning to full-time remote learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. In July, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJ DOE) released [Grades K-12 Back-to-School Guidance](#) for the return to school in the fall. Because of continued COVID-19 community transmission and the unpredictability of the pandemic, schools were asked to plan for different instructional scenarios (in-person, remote, and hybrid) and maintain flexibility to adapt school learning to the constantly changing pandemic.

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide considerations for when schools can consider transitioning between the different instructional models in response to the changing community and school-based COVID-19 epidemiology. This guidance suggests an instructional model based on the COVID-19 level of:

1. Community transmission within Barnegat
2. Impact on individual school facilities

These two factors are incorporated into a decision matrix below that specifies a method of instruction suggested by the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services. Data related to these metrics will be displayed on the "School" tab on the analytics data dashboard available at: <https://covid19.nj.gov/#live-updates>. Each school and school district, however, operates in a unique context and with different facilities and space capacity, so school districts can choose to take a more or less restrictive approach, as deemed necessary based on the local situation. NJDOH will also work with school districts to implement public health protective measures based on specific situations.

Determining the Level of COVID-19 Community Transmission:

As a district we monitor what happens within the district as well as the community and regional impact. The criteria outlined in the table below is for determining local COVID-19 transmission level. For the purposes of this table we will use an average population of 23,655.

Criteria	Level of Community Transmission		
	Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
COVID-19 PCR test positivity as a 14 day window within Barnegat Township	< 3%	3 – 6%	>6%
*for the time period between 6/2/21 and 6/15/21	9 new cases in Barnegat 0.038%		

Determining the Level of COVID-19 School Impact (defined at the educational facility level):

To determine the school-specific COVID-19 impact level, NJ DOH suggests three criteria outlined in the table below. The overall level of school impact should be assigned based on the average of the following criteria. These criteria and impact levels may change during the school year as we better understand how COVID-19 impacts schools.

Criteria	Level of School Impact		
	Low	Medium	High
Transmission within the school facility	Zero or sporadic cases with no evidence of transmission within the school setting	One cluster* in the school	Two or more unrelated clusters* in the school with onset (based on source case symptom onset dates) within 14 days of each other
Student absenteeism due to illness	<10%	11-20%	>20%
Staff capacity to conduct classes and school operations [†]	Normal	Strained	Critical

* A cluster is defined as 3 or more individuals confirmed with COVID-19 who are part of a related group of individuals (e.g., classroom) who had the potential to transmit infection to each other through close contact. A classroom that has been quarantined because of close contact to a positive case does not correlate a cluster.

† This subjective assessment should factor in a school's ability to maintain adequate staff for facility operations, transportation, teaching, and administrative functions. **In addition, neighboring districts' decision to pivot to a virtual platform could have a significant impact on our ability to staff resulting in a possible switch to virtual instruction in Barnegat Schools.**

Criteria	Level of Impact to Barnegat School District (6/2- 6/15)		
	Low	Medium	High
Transmission within the school facility (Total Active Cases)	0 isolated student cases reported, zero clusters 0.00%		
Student absenteeism due to illness	Avg for the days of in person learning that took place during this cycle 7.20% student absent		
Staff capacity to conduct classes and school operations (Total positives and close contact quarantines)	0 staff positives 0.00% 0 staff members are quarantining due to close contact		

Decision Matrix for Transitioning Between Methods of Instruction:

Using the assigned community transmission and school impact levels, schools can use the table below to identify the least restrictive method of instruction suggested by NJ DOH.

		Level of Community Transmission		
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Level of School Impact	Low	In-Person Current Status 6/15	In-Person	District will consider remote
	Medium	In-Person	District will consider remote	Remote
	High	District will consider remote	Remote	Remote

** Depending on the level of COVID-19 transmission in the school and outbreak status, public health may recommend temporary closure of school and remote learning for a short period of time to control transmission before re-opening for in-person instruction.*

This matrix should serve as a guide for schools to consider when planning and making decisions around when to move between methods of instruction, regardless of which instructional model was chosen for initial school re-opening. NJ DOH will work with schools and districts to implement public health prevention measures and conduct contact tracing in the school setting for any person identified with COVID-19, and the State will work with local schools and communities to ensure adequate testing capacity and contact tracing resources.

In some circumstances, schools may want to take a more restrictive approach than what is suggested in the table above. For example, in situations with a “high” level of school impact but “minimal” community transmission, schools could consider a temporary short-term period of remote instruction. For schools that go to remote learning, that decision can be a short-term period (e.g., at least 2 weeks) of remote learning, or potentially longer, especially in situations with “high” community transmission.

An updated version of this memo will be released every week on Wednesday as a means of communicating the data the district will be reviewing when making decisions about the instructional model.

Reminder

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

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- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school or in social settings;
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.
- CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings and when around people outside their household,

especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

- Please take every precaution to stop the spread of Covid 19 both inside and outside of the school day. [Click here for more information](#)

Questions, concerns, or feedback - please send to snichol@barnegatschools.com

Governor Murphy

The undersigned school districts representing a majority of Ocean County are focused on the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. We've taken steps to protect our teachers and staff by making the vaccine available for those that wanted it, we have invested significantly in PPE, infrastructure improvements, and training to return to full-day instruction. In many ways, you have entrusted the districts with this responsibility by providing a framework for our districts reopening plan but allowing districts to operate within the individuality of our community.

We have partnered with our local union leadership to create clear and solid plans based on our local data. What started as a way to help the community and staff understand how decisions are made when planning virtual or in-person learning, the decision matrix has evolved to best support the children, staff, and families of our district. Now it can help in our decisions on screening and PPE requirements. Allow us to continue to lead our community out of this.

As the number of vaccinated individuals increases here in Ocean County, we continue to monitor the data in our individual towns. Our daily case count continues to be significantly lower than in the beginning of the 2020/2021 school year. .

While we realize this situation is fluid, we again are ready to continue steps to get us closer to normal. As of now, executive order 251, as well as the recommendation by the CDC, on masks requires those in schools to continue wearing masks. As always, our districts will operate in compliance with all state mandates.

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Unfortunately Southern does not meet until the 18th.

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Respectfully, Joe Nardini
TR, BOE President.

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