

Kathryn Whitehead

From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:15 AM
To: Maria Carrell; michael wasko
Cc: 'Carlos Perez'
Subject: Updated travel guidance
Attachments: 2022 travel guidance.docx

Please let me know what you are planning to follow:

This is the updated travel guidance on the NJ website and CDC.

Basically,

- Domestic Travel -if you are unvaccinated it recommends quarantining for 5 days and should test 3-5 days following travel. Vaccinated travelers should monitor for symptoms.
- International Travel- all travelers, vaccinated and unvaccinated should test 3- 5 days after return. Unvaccinated people should quarantine for 5 days.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 12:50 PM
To: Michael Wasko
Subject: RE: Quick Phone Call
Attachments: COVID-Testing-Flowchart_v2_Updated.jpg

12/6/2021

From the CDC: When to Consider Self-Testing

Self-tests may be used if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed or potentially exposed to an individual with COVID-19.

Even if you don't have symptoms and have not been exposed to an individual with COVID-19, using a self-test before gathering indoors with others can give you information about the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. This is especially important before gathering with [unvaccinated children](#), [older individuals](#), those who are [immunocompromised](#), or [individuals at risk of severe disease](#).

A positive test result indicates that you likely have a current infection, and you should [isolate](#) and inform [close contacts](#).

A negative test result indicates that you may not be infected and may be at low risk of spreading disease to others, though it does not rule out an infection. Repeating the test will increase the confidence that you are not infected. Performing serial tests, meaning two or more tests over several days with at least 24 hours between tests—with one test as close as possible to the event you will attend—improves the reliability of testing and reduces your risk of transmitting disease to others even further. Some self-tests require this type of repeat testing in the manufacturer's instructions.

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertpschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 6:51 AM
To: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>
Subject: Quick Phone Call

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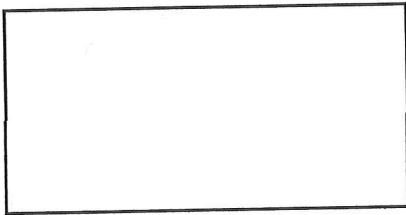
Kathy,

Good morning and Happy Tuesday.....hope you enjoyed the long weekend. Just touching base to see if we could connect this morning (not sure if you are getting the same emails....LOL)....I am free any time before 11 and between 12 and 1. Have a few questions regarding dates of return for BOE staff, types of COVID-19 test we accept to return to school.....my understanding...we prefer PCR but we can accept rapid and/or home tests since it is not specifically stated in the guidelines.....just want to double check.

Looking forward to talking soon.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 7:38 PM
To: michael wasko
Subject: look at this
Attachments: Hanover suggestions Quarantine from School for 2.docx;
isolation_quarantine_nonhealthcare.pdf;
RecommendationsForLocalHealthDepts_K12Schools (1) (1).pdf

You are going to have to fluff up the grammar but there was way to much in that letter.
Just give the parents the basics. I changed a few things

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:13 AM
To: Michael Wasko; Carlos Perez
Subject: RE: New Executive Orders

Thank you

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>; Carlos Perez <cperez@co.morris.nj.us>
Subject: New Executive Orders

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Kathy and Carlos,

Please see the attached documents...EO 280, EO 281 & Appendix.

Be well.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:22 AM
To: michael wasko; M Carrell; C Kelly
Cc: Perez, Carlos
Subject: From my contact at NJ DOH

This is a note from my contact at NJ DOH: there was a LINCIS message stating that the revised Q/I timeframes apply to K-12 but revised K-12 guidance was forthcoming. That has not yet been released (I have not seen it yet).

Dear Colleagues,

I really appreciate your patience in implementing anything until the proper guidance from the school side of NJ DOH / NJ DOE comes out. There is so much to consider in school, especially in the primary grades, where masks are not worn well, lunch eating is close quarters and symptom monitoring is difficult. In the older grades other processes may have to be developed and we may find that the shortened quarantine that we are using at 7 days is best at this time. I appreciate your patience.

Please let me know if you have questions and the minute anything comes out I will forward it to you and we will discuss.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:01 AM
To: M Carrell
Cc: C Kelly; michael wasko; Michael Anderson
Subject: Re: Guidance for extra curricular activities

yes, i am sorry you did not get my response, Carlos did speak to Tom and Carlo and they all agree to continue as you have and the info from NJDOH is for your information.

Kathy

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----- Original message -----

From: Maria Carrell <mcarrell@hpreg.org>
Date: 1/4/22 8:40 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>
Cc: C Kelly <ckelly@hpreg.org>, michael wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>, Michael Anderson <michael.anderson@hanovertwpschools.org>
Subject: Re: Guidance for extra curricular activities

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Hi Kathy,

I know that you said that you were checking with Dr. Perez yesterday afternoon. Subsequently, I had a conversation with Carlo D. from the EH Health Department. Based upon my conversation with Carlo D, it seems that the 3 health departments are on the same page and we are going to continue to follow the December 15 guidance until new guidance is issued.

Can you confirm?

Thank you.

Maria

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- Eleanor Roosevelt*

On Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 11:51 AM Maria Carrell <mcarrell@hpreg.org> wrote:

Kathy,

Is the health department formally making this recommendation to the schools? As discussed with you last week, I have capacity limitations (from a personnel and test kit standpoint) on testing every extracurricular student twice a week. I would suggest that if this is the formal recommendation from Hanover Township, that we coordinate with all three townships (Hanover Township, East Hanover and Florham Park), to be on the same page.

Please advise.

Thanks,
Maria

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On Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 11:47 AM Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com> wrote:

We are in very high activity level. The isolation and quarantine for remain the same as before vacation but please see the recommendations for testing during extracurricular activities. On page 2

Recommends testing 2x a week

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Cc: aaron.wasserman@hanovertwpschools.org; 'darrin.stark@hanovertwpschools.org'; carmen.camean
Subject: I can not keep up

This is the statement for the general public but as the previous email said not yet adopted by NJ DOH

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
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To: michael wasko
Subject: Fw: school

How about this....

From: Breen Kevin <KBreen@Morristwp.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 3:30 PM
To: Zalme Elizabeth; Whitehead Kathy; Kathryn Whitehead
Subject: school

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[Scaling back quarantine rules at N.J. school is a 'recipe for disaster,' health official says \(msn.com\)](#)

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 1:54 PM
To: michael wasko
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Public Health Info : Recommended Minimum Quarantine Timeframes and COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools
Attachments: 1_Quarantine Timeframes_12_15_2120211612.pdf; 2_K-12_PH Rec_12_15_2120211612.pdf
Importance: High

From: Breen Kevin <KBreen@Morristwp.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 1:52 PM
To: Zalme Elizabeth; Whitehead Kathy; Kathryn Whitehead; Mike Busniak
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Public Health Info : Recommended Minimum Quarantine Timeframes and COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools

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Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Weller, Jamie [DOH] <Jamie.Weller@doh.nj.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Public Health Info : Recommended Minimum Quarantine Timeframes and COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools

From: NJLINCS Health Alert Network <njlincs-han@njlincs.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 1:49 PM
To: njlincs-han@njlincs.net
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Health Info : Recommended Minimum Quarantine Timeframes and COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools



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Subject: Public Health Info : Recommended Minimum Quarantine Timeframes and COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools

Date: 12/16/2021 13:48:43

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Contact Info: Nagla Bayoumi | nagla.bayoumi@doh.nj.gov

Barbara Carothers | Barbara.Carothers@doh.nj.gov

Attachments: Yes

The NJDOH Communicable Disease Service has updated guidance on **Recommended Minimum Quarantine Timeframes** for non-healthcare settings. This information will be available on the COVID-19 Information for Public Health Professionals website at https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019_professionals.shtml.

Key Updates:

CDC and NJDOH continue to recommend a 14-day quarantine period for persons who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, unless they are fully vaccinated or recently recovered from COVID-19. While a 14-day quarantine period is optimal, NJDOH considers the CDC options to shorten quarantine to be acceptable alternatives in most community settings (refer to the section on High Risk Congregate Care Settings in the attachment for exceptions). Persons who have close contact with someone with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status should be tested 5-7 days after the last exposure (unless recently recovered).

Options for shortening quarantine only apply if no COVID-19 symptoms develop during the quarantine period. If symptoms develop, the individual should self-isolate, contact a healthcare provider and/or the local health department, and be tested for COVID-19. Additionally, individuals should continue to self-monitor for symptoms for the full 14-days. Acceptable options to shorten quarantine include:

1. **7-Day quarantine with testing.** Unvaccinated persons can end quarantine after Day 7 after receiving a negative COVID-19 test result collected between Day 5 and Day 7. Quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
2. **10-Day quarantine without testing.** Unvaccinated persons can end quarantine after Day 10 if they haven't been tested for COVID-19.

The NJDOH Communicable Disease Service has also updated **COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools**. This information will be available on the COVID-19 Information for Schools website at https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019_schools.shtml.

Key Updates:

Alternative Diagnosis

Evaluation by a health care provider is necessary to confirm a diagnosis of COVID-19, establish an alternative diagnosis, and to determine the need for COVID-19 testing. Clinical evaluation and/or testing for COVID-19 may be considered for ANY COVID-19 compatible symptoms, depending on suspicion of illness from a health care provider. Testing is strongly recommended, especially when there are multiple unlinked cases in the school and during periods of moderate and high levels of community transmission.

During moderate and high transmission levels, individuals with COVID-19 compatible symptoms **and no known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days**, regardless of vaccination status, may follow the [NJDOH School Exclusion List](#) to determine when they may return to school **only if they have an alternative diagnosis** (i.e., strep throat, influenza, worsening of chronic illness) supported by clinical evaluation.

Reduced Exclusion for Close Contacts

While a 14-day quarantine period is optimal, NJDOH considers the CDC options to shorten quarantine to be acceptable alternatives in the school setting.

During all levels of community transmission and during outbreaks, excluded individuals who are close contacts of staff or students who tested positive for COVID-19 and who are asymptomatic may use a reduced exclusion period of 10 days (or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days) but continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure.

Please see the files attached for additional information. Contact the Communicable Disease Service at CDS.COV.SIC@doh.nj.gov with any questions.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Michael Wasko
Subject: Re: Fully Vaccinated Individuals

- See below
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- You should still get tested if you've had [close contact](#) with someone who has COVID-19 or if you have [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
 - If you've had [close contact](#) with someone who has COVID-19, **you should get tested 5-7 days after your exposure**, even if you don't have symptoms. You should also wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until your test result is negative.
 - If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get [tested](#) and [stay home](#) and away from others. See a healthcare provider if you are really sick.
 - If your test result is positive, isolate at home for 10 days.

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
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To: Kathryn Whitehead
Subject: Fully Vaccinated Individuals

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Kathy,

Just triple checking.....fully vaccinated Individuals who are considered a close contact to someone with confirmed COVID-19 do not need to quarantine and should continue to monitor for symptoms. It is also recommended that the individual be tested 3-5 days following an exposure.....correct?

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 12:44 PM
To: 'Michael Wasko'
Subject: RE: Holiday Guidance

Yes, it does. Just wondering if you should spell out the travel guidance. That is your call.
Kathy

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
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Subject: Fwd: Holiday Guidance

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Kathy,

FYI....I think this includes the same info. you already sent.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Morris County LINCS <MorrisCountyLINCS@co.morris.nj.us>
Date: Wed, Nov 17, 2021 at 11:18 AM
Subject: Holiday Guidance
To:

Although the availability and use of effective vaccines promises a return toward normalcy for this year's holiday season, it's still important to continue taking steps to lessen the risk to you, your family, and your friends. Be sure to follow the guidelines in the attached file and share them with others in your family, community, and place of work.

If traveling over the holiday season, be sure to visit the new [NJDOH Traveler's Health page](#) for travel-related guidance.

When we work together to protect our health as well as the health of others, we can enjoy safer holidays and travel.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 10:17 AM
To: michael wasko
Subject: regarding wind instruments and singing

Masks for singing and masks and bell covers are still recommended for instruments.

<https://www.nfhs.org/articles/unprecedented-international-coalition-led-by-performing-arts-organizations-to-commission-covid-19-study/>

When singing/vocalizing indoors, **use of masks**, and physical distancing may be needed based on school policy.

<https://nafme.org/my-classroom/nafme-and-nfhs-return-to-music-guidance-phase-iii-august-2021/>

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 9:43 AM
To: 'michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org'; Carmen Comean; Michael Anderson; Darrin Stark; Rob Comean
Subject: Travel
Importance: High

Good Morning Mr. Wasko,

I am getting a lot of questions about travel. NJ DOH has updated their travel guidance, to include quarantine if unvaccinated. Which the CDC has recommended all along. I do not see any reason to change what we are doing since we have had no issues. I just would like to make things more clear. If OK with you, I would like to say any International travel, including Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, and any other such type location, in the student or staff is unvaccinated then quarantine is required. Traveling to Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands is very much like foreign travel because of the increase in contact with people from other countries etc. Last year people would try and say technically Puerto Rico is not international – so I would like to get out a head of the situation. Mt. View Road School already has a family traveling to Puerto Rico.

Anyone traveling “Internationally” will get tested 3-5 days after travel. If they are vaccinated they do not have to stay home/ quarantine. If Unvaccinated the student or staff will stay home for 7 days and may return with a negative test on day 8.

NJ DOH and CDC Guidelines:

After arrival to the United States, **all travelers should get tested with a COVID-19 viral test 3-5 days after travel**, self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and isolate and get tested if they develop symptoms.

Unvaccinated travelers should stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days, even if they test negative, and for 10 days if they are unable to test.

Let me know your thoughts.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
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Subject: Re: SCHOOL BASED IMMUNIZATION CLINICS - RESPONSE REQUIRED

The Shop Rite of Greater Morristown and the CVS in Whippany have said they will offer vaccine to 5 -12 year olds if they receive vaccine.

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Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:01:39 PM
To: Perez, Carlos
Cc: cangelillo@btrvs.org; sforte@denville.org; mspelker@hardingtwp.org; sconstantino@mendhamtwp.org; moffitts@mcvts.org; jjencarelli@mhrd.org; mmaire@mpsdk8.org; mpendergrast@msdk12.net; M Carrell; Carlo DiLizia; Breen Kevin; Bella, Cynthia; Gorman, Stephanie; Kathryn Whitehead
Subject: Re: SCHOOL BASED IMMUNIZATION CLINICS - RESPONSE REQUIRED

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Dr. Perez,

At this time, Hanover Township Public Schools (K-8), is not interested in offering and/or participating in COVID-19 school-based immunization clinics. In addition, we have not identified a local pharmacy or other vendor for school-based clinic.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions.

On Thu, Oct 28, 2021 at 10:17 AM Perez, Carlos <cperez@co.morris.nj.us> wrote:

Dear School Superintendent:

The NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) has requested that our office reach out to our local school and regional high school district superintendents to determine if there is an interest in offering COVID-19 school-based immunization clinics.

The NJDOH advised that a state vendor has been identified to provide such clinics in schools.

I understand that some of you have verbally provided your responses to our office. To confirm your responses and to ensure we provide a timely answer to the NJDOH, please advise as to your interest in offering school-based clinics by responding to this email no later than 3:00 pm tomorrow.

I will be advising the NJDOH which school districts have indicated an interest. The NJDOH will reach out to interested school districts with additional information on the state vendor.

Should you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

Carlos

Carlos Perez, Jr., Ph.D.

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Cc: Carlo DiLizia; Breen Kevin; Bella, Cynthia; Gorman, Stephanie
Subject: Re: SCHOOL BASED IMMUNIZATION CLINICS - RESPONSE REQUIRED

I spoke with the pharmacist at Shop Rite in Ledgewood while picking up a RX and they said if they get vaccine they definitely will do children. Shop Rite of Morristown said the same thing.

Advocare Morristown Pediatrics would like to be a provider but they keep getting kicked back for calibration even though they bought all new thermometers. (They are one of our largest pedes groups)

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Good Morning,

To follow-up -

If you have identified a local pharmacy or other vendor for school-based clinics, please let us know. We will provide this information to the NJDOH. Thank you.

Carlos

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Cc: 'carmen camean'; Darrin Stark; 'Michael Anderson'
Subject: International travel

My "glass ball" told me everyone will be asking me for travel guidance, so I am sending it early. Presently the school districts are not using any restrictions for domestic travel. For international travel please see the link below. Remember, vaccinated people do not have to quarantine, they just have to test, unless they have symptoms.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html>

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Cc: 'Carlos Perez'
Subject: Home Test protocols
Attachments: Home Testing Protocols for Unvaccinated Testing.docx; How-To-Collect-NMT-Specimen-for-COVID-19 (1).pdf; QuickieAnteriorSwab.pdf

Attached please find a home testing protocol for the testing of your unvaccinated staff and volunteers. As far as knowing if this is a recent test or this weeks test, I think there has to be some level of trust, unless someone has given you a reason not to trust them.

On another note, the NJ DOH does not accept as valid testing, a home test for Covid illness, but that does not mean we should not accept its validity. If a parent uses a home test for an ill child and calls and informs you the test is positive. Treat it as a positive. Unless there is an issue with truancy and the trustworthiness of the parent. Then discuss with the school administration as needed. The CDC states these tests are accurate, presently NJ DOH does not know how to handle the data input.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:09 PM
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Subject: Home test protocol

I will try to draft up a Covid Home test protocol for all the schools to use and have it done by the end of this week. But for now, be sure that the person sending you the test is also providing you the name of the test company and the key, so you know what you are looking at. Are 2 blue lines positive or negative or are you pregnant- Haha just kidding I think the Binax Now has pink lines and 2 pink lines means positive. So they are not all the same.

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Kathryn Whitehead

From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 8:16 AM
To: 'Michael Wasko'
Subject: RE: Saliva Tests

Yes, they are absolutely acceptable

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 5:36 PM
To: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>
Subject: Saliva Tests

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Kathy,

Just wanted to get clarification....can accept a saliva test result assuming the testing location operates according to the info. below that is stated in EO 253. A staff member at BMS is asking.

- Unvaccinated staff members may choose either antigen or molecular tests that have Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or are operating per the Laboratory Developed Test requirements by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:07 AM
To: 'michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org'
Subject: travel guidelines and when should I call you?

Mike,

Let me know what time to call you. Is Hanover School district following the recommendations for travel written in the Road Back?

Mt. View Road has a family that arrived to Hanover from California on Thursday and started school on Friday. [REDACTED] is asking if they should be quarantined. I do not think we can do that after the fact, they have been in for 2 days already. But moving forward, what is the plan. I clip and pasted the info for you to look at.

While there is no statewide travel advisory or mandate in place at this time, schools are encouraged to have a policy for exclusion for students and staff that is consistent with CDC COVID-19 travel recommendations. The CDC recommends that travel be delayed for those who are not fully vaccinated. If travel cannot be delayed, domestic and international travelers who are not fully vaccinated should get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if they test negative. If testing is not completed post-travel, individuals should self-quarantine for 10 days. International travelers who are fully vaccinated should also get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel, self-monitor for symptoms, and isolate and get tested if symptoms develop. For those traveling to/from New Jersey, domestic travel is defined as lasting 24 hours or longer to states or U.S. territories other than those connected to New Jersey, such as Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware.

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Kathryn Whitehead

From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 8:25 AM
To: 'Michael Wasko'; Carlos Perez
Subject: RE: Elementary Schools Plexiglass

Yes I will

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:31 AM
To: Carlos Perez <cperez@co.morris.nj.us>
Cc: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: Elementary Schools Plexiglass

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Carlos,

Can you give me a call regarding this email from Mrs. [REDACTED]

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 4:15 PM
Subject: Re: Elementary Schools Plexiglass
To: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>

Mr. Wasko,

Carlos Perez said he did not advise or provide guidance to keep the plexiglass for the k-5 kids at the Board of Health meeting for September. Was it Kathy Whiteheads guidance?

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 10, 2021, at 4:03 PM, Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org> wrote:

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. All COVID-19 decisions related to our school district have been and will continue to be made in collaboration with our local health department.

Thank you. Enjoy your weekend.

On Sun, Sep 5, 2021 at 4:23 PM <thebomengofamily@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Mr. Wasko,

As all of our schools are going back masked, I would like to know whose recommendation/decision it is to keep the plexiglass up in the elementary schools.

I understand the kids will have snack in the classroom, but the EO says no mask needed during eating and drinking - the kids are distanced. As difficult as it is to be masked all day, hiding behind the dividers as well makes it worse to hear and to see.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Michael Wasko
Subject: RE: Student Techers/Observations

Yes, that statement is correct.

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
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To: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>
Subject: Student Techers/Observations

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Kathy,

Just reaching out to make sure we are on the same page regarding the management of student teachers and student observations.....(college students....LOL) with regards to proof of vaccination or screening/testing:

- Student Teaching/Observations: college student comes in to our schools to complete a student teaching assignment or conduct observations of a classroom setting MUST show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test on a weekly basis

Just double checking to make sure we are on the same page.

Be well.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
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Cc:
Subject: review of Quarantine and Isolation
Importance: High

Just so we are clear about the guidelines we are using now, at the start of school:

Quarantine: Presently we are using a shortened quarantine. This begins the first time the positive person is isolated from the rest of the household. It usually happens once they find out the person in the family is positive.
Ex: I get tested Monday and learn Tuesday I am positive, I isolate and my family quarantines. Day 1 would be tomorrow for quarantine. **Quarantine is for 7 full days**, no matter when the test results come back. Test with a PCR on day 5 - 7. The parent must submit the results to you, if negative they may come to school on day 8.

When using the shortened quarantine, students and parents must be instructed to continue to watch for symptoms for the 14 days. 10 – 15 % develop symptoms after the 7th day. So negative test, then they develop a symptom on day 9 they have to stay home and be retested.

Isolation: is from the onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic, date test was done. – 10 days.

Vaccinated Person- Close Contact Must monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Any symptom during that 14 days, person must stay home and get tested. No assuming it is allergies, asthma etc. It is only one of those when Covid has been ruled out.

Please email me any + case you have with their name, date of birth, date of illness onset, RTS (return to school) date.

Keep in mind if the Cali score goes up we may switch the quarantine recommendations.

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Cc: Maria Vinci (maria@thearrowacademy.org); Won Kyu Rim (q@thearrowacademy.org); Patricia Cupka
Subject: Final statement and resources for school testing
Attachments: K12 School Testing Informational Packet_FINAL.pdf

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Kathryn Whitehead

From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:52 PM
To: 'Michael Wasko'
Subject: RE: EO 253 Question Regarding Volunteers

They are considered volunteers and as per a phone call yesterday and today they need to be vaccinated or tested. They are not considered short-term.

There will be an additional call to go through the entire guidance within 1 week, and I am sure they will discuss this again, but right now they have to be vaccinated, as per the EO.

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>
Subject: EO 253 Question Regarding Volunteers

Kathy,

Question for you regarding volunteers in our schools as it pertains to EO 253. The guidance we received from Colleen Schultz-Eskow, NJDOE Deputy Chief of Staff states the following with regard to volunteers:

- Does the vaccination/testing mandate apply to volunteers or any other non-paid individual involved with the school district? YES
- Does it apply to anyone entering the school facilities? NO – SHORT TERM VISITORS LIKE DELIVERY SERVICES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION

Based on the above questions.....I assume short term visitors, i.e., mail man, UPS/FedEx deliveries, etc., are considered just that.... "short term" walk in and walk out. On the other hand, individuals who are present in our schools to do work (contractors) for an hour or two....are they considered short term visitors....and I would ask the same question with regards to our PTA volunteers....(lunches, book fair, homeroom parents, etc.

Your thoughts are appreciated...if it is easier to call me you can do that as well.

Have a great afternoon.

Be well.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 4:17 PM
To: michael wasko
Subject: Road back etc.

You can just ignore that letter from the 3 health officers. Presently the Road Forward is what we are going with. The NJ DOH additional guidelines are suppose to come out tomorrow according to a call I was on today. So the 3 feet masks worn correctly is what the plan.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Michael Wasko
Subject: Re: Question

Yes, I did see that and I do not know what to say. I sent an email to the 3 Health Officers pointing out the update. Let's see what they say.

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
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To: Kathryn Whitehead
Subject: Question

Kathy,

Just reaching out to you first..... the close contact info. in the NJDOH & NJDOE Road Back plan DOES include the exception for K-12 schools (page 14) that the 3-6 feet rule is good, with the exception of adults (teachers, other staff, etc.). Based on the close contact info. guidance in the email, there seems to be a conflict related to that info. Your thoughts?

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 3:02 PM
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Subject: FW: Joint School Guidance from Health Officers

Mike,

This was sent to Maria Carrell regarding guidance. It was developed by the 3 health Officers of the covering towns.

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From: Thomas Cantisano <TCantisano@Peqtwp.org>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>
Subject: Joint School Guidance from Health Officers

Hi Kathy,

Please see this draft of a joint guidance the Health Officers plan to send to the superintendents who are part of the Whippany and Hanover Park Regional High Schools. Carlo, Carlos, and I have collaborated on it and we plan on sending this today. Please let me know if you'd like to suggest any additions or adjustments. If possible, please provide your comments by 4pm today. We will be sending it to the Superintendents around that time.

Thanks!

Tom Cantisano

Good afternoon, Maria, Michael, Natalee, and Steve.

Please see the following information regarding Quarantine Time Frames, the Definition of "Close Contact" in K thru 12 classroom settings, quarantine/isolation of those vaccinated who are exposed or infected, and travel-related recommendations.

Quarantine Time Frames

Now that COVID activity is in the moderate risk category (yellow) in our region, there are two quarantine time frame options that are available to school districts. In collaboration with our colleagues in the associated local health department jurisdictions, the following information should be considered when deciding on the quarantine time frame policy.

The 14 day quarantine time frame is established as the standard for COVID-19 and it has been prescribed universally for the last 19 months. As you are aware, in October of last year, the NJDOH recommendations allowed for the possibility

of an abbreviated quarantine time period (7 days with negative test taken after 5 to 7 days of exposure, or 10 days without testing, **provided no COVID related symptoms emerge**), but only in very narrow circumstances that involve hardships. It also gives discretion to school districts to adjust their quarantine policies to the abbreviated time frame when the region falls into low (green) or moderate (yellow) COVID activity, preferably for at least a period of three consecutive weeks.

There is a basis for our local health departments to support either of these options, but only with the understanding that the districts involved consider the following facts during the decision making process:

- The 14 day quarantine period is the established and universally accepted standard, as noted in CDC/NJDOH guidelines
- In accordance with CDC/NJDOH guidelines, the abbreviated time frame with the test based component is a marginally elevated risk from the 14 day quarantine, as transmission is possible through day 14. However, the risk of transmission is somewhat reduced after day 10. Risk is further reduced when COVID activity is low or moderate.
- While 14 days is the standard, the abbreviated time period will lessen the negative public health impacts associated with exclusion from in-person instruction and from participation in other important youth and school related activities, for prolonged periods of time.
- Depending on the community, a high percentage of students from ages 12 to 17, roughly 60 to 75 percent, are not yet vaccinated. There is a hope that the vaccination rate will increase now that the Pfizer vaccine has received full FDA approval.
- There are no children under the age of 12 who are vaccinated. Should the EUA or FDA approval be extended to this younger age group, the vaccination rate for this group is expected to be substantially lower than the 12 to 17 and adult age groups. A certain percentage of educators are not yet vaccinated. Executive Order 253 will increase vaccination rates among school staff and will require routine testing for the unvaccinated staff. However, it should be noted that the guidelines that allow for the abbreviated quarantine time frame are not predicated on achieving any specific level of vaccination. Link to all of the Governor's EOs including EO 253: https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo_archive.html
- For districts that are part of a regional high school, it is strongly recommended that the superintendents from all of the associated municipal districts establish a uniform, common policy based on either of these acceptable quarantine time frames, as they are set forth in the CDC/NJDOH.
- Youth sports programs, whether recreation leagues or school sponsored, should follow the quarantine policies established by their school districts.
- Should COVID Activity return to the high risk category (Orange) or the very high risk category (Red), NJDOH guidance removes the abbreviated time frame option and only allows for the 14 day quarantine standard to be applied, unless it is not "feasible". We would not advise that exceptions to the 14 day quarantine, predicated on an individual's subjective definition of "feasible", be granted. "Feasibility" has no impact on the risk of transmission.

While the Health Departments will always be available to provide guidance and input, they have no authority to mandate or make final decisions on behalf of the school districts. It still remains the responsibility of the individual districts to establish their own policies. Theoretically, each individual district associated with a regional high school may decide to establish something different, though this would not be advisable and could become problematic. We'll be happy to participate in additional conversations with the superintendents of a regional program should an agreement on a uniform policy become difficult.

Close Contact Definition

In regards to the definition of close contact in K thru 12 classroom settings, the NJDOH/CDS (NJ Dept. of Health/Communicable Disease Service) has not yet adopted the CDC recommendation that reduces close contact for students from 6 feet to 3 feet when those students involved are properly wearing well-fitted masks. Our Health Departments are advising the districts to keep the 6 foot standard in place unless the CDC recommendation is adopted by the NJDOH/CDS.

Quarantine and Isolation for Symptomatic Staff and Students

For symptomatic staff and students, 10 day isolation is required, regardless of an alternate diagnosis of a physician or healthcare provider, unless the individual tests negative with a PCR test.

Quarantine and Isolation for Vaccinated

As of now, those who are a close contact of a confirmed COVID positive individual would not need to quarantine if vaccinated, but must monitor for symptoms (as described above) and wear a mask indoors and at any outdoor gathering where it will be difficult to remain more than six feet from others, for the full 14 day period. On July 27, the CDC added a recommendation for fully vaccinated people who have come into close contact with someone suspected or confirmed with COVID-19 to be tested 3-5 days after exposure and to wear a mask in indoor public settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. This CDC guidance may be used as a rationale to implement a testing policy if the district so chooses.

Travel

New Jersey's travel advisory is no longer in effect.

The CDC, however, has recommendations for both vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers. Schools may make quarantine policies for individuals returning from travel consistent with CDC guidelines, or may implement less or more stringent strategies.

Currently, the CDC recommends delaying travel until you are **fully vaccinated**.

Domestic Travel- According to the CDC, unvaccinated individuals who do travel should get tested 1-3 days before their trip, 3-5 days after travel, and stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days after domestic travel. For those traveling to New Jersey, domestic travel is defined as lasting 24 hours or longer to states or US territories other than those connected to New Jersey, such as Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware. For more information, refer to the [CDC's guidance for domestic travel](#).

International Travel- The CDC requires all air passengers arriving in the United States from a foreign country to get tested for COVID-19 no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to present the negative result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight. CDC recommends that travelers get tested 3-5 days after travel **AND** stay home or otherwise self-quarantine for 7 days after travel. Even if you test negative, stay home for the full 7 days. If you don't get tested, it's safest to stay home for 10 days. For more information, visit the [CDC website](#).

Best Regards,

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Cc: Carmen Camean; Rob Camean; 'darrin.stark@hanovertwpschools.org'; 'Michael Anderson'; Jacob Ziegler
Subject: things came up
Importance: High

Good Morning Mr. Wasko,

We had a great meeting with the principals of the schools today. 2 issues came up that we need your input for:

1. Travel- International and Domestic
2. Close contact for a vaccinated person.

Below are the guidelines listed from CDC which, absent of any NJ DOH guidelines we follow CDC. For these 2 issues NJ DOH has CDC links. I have provided you with the links for this guidance.

I have also provided the guidelines for quarantine for today, as the Cali score remains at 2.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

Unvaccinated Travelers:

Domestic:

- Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
 - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
 - If your test is positive, [isolate](#) yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at [increased risk for severe illness](#) for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.

International:

- Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
 - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
 - If your test is positive, [isolate](#) yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

- Avoid being around people who are at [increased risk for severe illness](#) for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.

Fully Vaccinated persons:

- After Domestic Travel
 - Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
 - Follow all [state and local](#) recommendations or requirements.

You do NOT need to get tested or self-quarantine if you are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months.

- After International Travel:
 - Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel.
 - Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Vaccinated close contact to a positive case.

- If you came into [close contact](#) with someone with COVID-19 get tested 3-5 days after the date of your exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days after exposure or until a negative test result.

The vaccinated person may continue to attend school or work but should get tested as indicated.

The is the latest guidance for quarantine.

In school settings related exposures, in the absence of any updated guidance, please refer to the March, 23, 2021 release, "PH Recommendations for LHD for K-12 Schools". While CDC and NJDOH continue to endorse 14 days as the preferred quarantine period, pg. 17 of that document under the Heading; " COVID-19 exclusion criteria for close contacts; allows an option to shorten the quarantine time period following exposure to a confirmed positive case based on" Regional Risk Levels": Morris County presently has a CALI score of 2 and its current activity level is "Moderate", e.g.,. " exposed close contacts of a COVID 19 case should be excluded from school for 10 days.. or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days". Until additional guidance is forthcoming from NJDOH, these are the resources we refer to.

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To: 'michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org'
Subject: mask use

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection, severe disease, and death is reduced for fully vaccinated people. Though they happen in only a small proportion of people who are fully vaccinated, some infections do occur among fully vaccinated people. Fully vaccinated people who do become infected with the Delta variant can transmit it to others. Therefore, fully vaccinated people can further reduce their risk of becoming infected with the Delta variant and transmitting it to others by wearing a mask in public indoor settings.

Mike,

I would recommend masks at any meeting where staff can not be 6 feet apart. Furthermore, a mask policy for school staff to wear masks when every they leave there primary work area.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
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Subject: FW: Meeting- Friday, July 30 at 10 AM

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To: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>; 'michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org' <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>; 'Carlos Perez' <cperez@co.morris.nj.us>
Subject: Meeting- Friday, July 30 at 10 AM

All,

You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: School planning meeting

Time: Jul 30, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92005249685?pwd=MnBIYkJaOHlITytlbnRsdINlcVU4dz09>

Meeting ID: 920 0524 9685

Passcode: 240811

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Any questions please let me know.

Thank you

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 10:58 AM
To: michael wasko; Allison Murphy; Carol Vorhies; Christina Vitello; Elizabeth Gioia; Greg Koehlert; Janet Michalowski; Maria Vinci; Marina Smith; Nancy Renwanz; Patricia Cupka; Rob Camean; Rosanna Mead; Wendy Busby; Won Kyu Rim
Subject: Updated contact definition when wearing masks correctly.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>

- **Exception:** In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition *excludes* students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a [clinically compatible illness](#)) where
 - both students were engaged in consistent and [correct](#) use of [well-fitting masks](#); *and*
 - other [K–12 school prevention strategies](#) (such as universal and correct mask use, physical distancing, increased ventilation) were in place in the K–12 school setting.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>

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To: 'michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org'
Subject: information location

Good Morning Mike,

Hope you have survived the BOE meeting. Could you please tell me where the information is written "masks maybe removed if other mitigating factors are in place such as distancing and sneeze guards."

I can not locate it anywhere, including the The full Road Back document. When you have a minute. Thank you.

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Cc: Denise Brennan (DBrennan@hanovertownship.com); 'Carlos Perez'
Subject: [REDACTED] student

Importance: High

Based on a lot of issues with this case / situation we are going to suspend contact tracing. In a nut shell, it is most likely the child was ill and the +PCR test is well after her contagious period. She has had 2 negative subsequent tests. Call me if you have questions.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Saturday, June 12, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Michael Wasko
Subject: RE: Mask information as discussed

That is great, I am glad MJS is getting the guards as well.
Thank you.

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Cc: Carlos Perez <cperez@co.morris.nj.us>; Gorman, Stephanie (sgorman@co.morris.nj.us) <sgorman@co.morris.nj.us>
Subject: Re: Mask information as discussed

Kathy,

Thank you for sharing that with me. That is the information that I shared with my BOE Members as well. Also, to level the playing field in our district, student desk shields will be in place next week on Monday at MJS. Now ALL classrooms in our district have student desk shields and should make the daily management of mask wearing easier to manage.

Feel better and have a great weekend.

On Fri, Jun 11, 2021 at 2:56 PM Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com> wrote:

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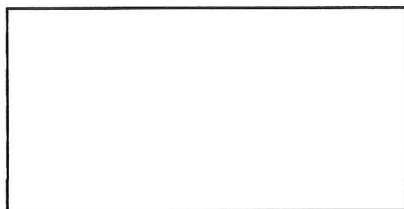
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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:57 PM
To: michael wasko
Subject: Fw: Letter Hanover School District Letter

Here is Carlos' interpretation of all the mask stuff. Masks have to stay.

Kathy

From: Perez, Carlos <cperez@co.morris.nj.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:48 PM
To: Kathryn Whitehead
Subject: RE: Letter Hanover School District Letter

Hi Kathy,

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The mask requirement stands. Additional information is available at the following link:

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
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To: Michael Wasko
Subject: Re: Singing Question

NJ DOH and the CDC both prefer singing to be done outside. It is mentioned several times in both documents. Singing is a high-risk activity. is there a specific reason they want to do it indoors?

COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools Updated March 23, 2021

Due to potential increased risk of droplet transmission, physical distancing should be prioritized for wind instruments and **singing**. If it's safe and weather permits, consider moving class outdoors where air circulation is better than indoors and maintain at least 6 feet distance between students (all grade levels). When students are not singing or playing an instrument that requires the use of their mouths, they should wear a mask in music class (unless class is outdoors, and distance can be maintained).

CDC:

Singing or playing wind and brass instruments can generate respiratory droplets and aerosols that may contain the COVID-19 virus if a person is infected.

Some general considerations for music and performing arts include:

- Reinforce use of [masks](#) by all students and staff when not singing or playing an instrument that requires the use of their mouth (unless class is outdoors and distance can be maintained).
- Consider conducting the class in an outdoor/open environment or under an open tent.
 - Ensure outdoor classes are safe from other hazards, such as heat, cold, and air pollution.
 - If the class is held indoors, ensure the ventilation system is optimized with regard to flow rate and filtration. Refer to the [Ventilation](#) section above for more information.
- Consider having teachers use a portable amplifier to keep voices at a low, conversational volume.
- Limit the number of students at one time in storage and backstage areas.
- Install transparent shields or other physical barriers, where possible, to separate the students and staff.
- Maintain [social distancing](#) to protect students and staff.

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
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To: Kathryn Whitehead
Subject: Singing Question

Kathy,

Touched base with Carmen via email and it seems the question is indoor vs outdoor singing for fifth graders and some of their traditional end-of-year songs....they seem to be interested in getting clear guidance for singing indoors.....we can touch base tomorrow since this decision will have implications in all four of our schools.

Have a good night. Be well.

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Cc: 'Carlos Perez'; Gorman, Stephanie (sgorman@co.morris.nj.us)
Subject: FW: Voting in the school-Please wear a mask

Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

Since June 8 is right around the corner I think we should put something in place. If we receive a different interpretation from the NJ AG's office we can issue a different statement. But I believe hearing from them before June 8 is unlikely. The Morris County Prosecutors Office have said it is a Board of Education issue, while I do not necessarily agree, this will be the plan unless we see something different from the NJ AG's office.

Presently, masks are required when in a school building. Whether one is vaccinated or not. Therefore, a mask will be worn by anyone entering the building for voting and poll workers must wear masks while in the school building.

Mr. Wasko, please be sure you have multiple signs up on the entry doors to the polling area.

Mr. Giorgio and Ms. DiGiorgio, please inform all poll workers who will be assigned to the schools that they must wear masks while working.

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Cc: Gorman, Stephanie <sgorman@co.morris.nj.us>
Subject: RE: Voting in the school- please help me!!

Hi All,

We previously had the question from the Hanover Twp PD with a string with the Morris County Prosecutor's Office. At that time, we submitted the question to the State. As of yesterday, we did not have an answer. I agree with Kathy. I think it is prudent to go with the regulations currently in place which requires masks.

I will make another inquiry today but you all know how that goes. The election will be over by the time we get an answer.

Have a great day!

Jeff

From: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:24 AM
To: Perez, Carlos <cperez@co.morris.nj.us>
Cc: Gorman, Stephanie <sgorman@co.morris.nj.us>; Paul, Jeffrey <JPaul@co.morris.nj.us>
Subject: RE: Voting in the school- please help me!!

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Thank you

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Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 8:34 PM
To: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>
Cc: Gorman, Stephanie <sgorman@co.morris.nj.us>; Paul, Jeffrey <JPaul@co.morris.nj.us>
Subject: Re: Voting in the school- please help me!!

Kathy,

I am copying Jeff Paul, our OEM Director to see if he is able to assist with confirming the answer for this question. This is an EO question that is best answered by our law enforcement partners.

Jeff, can you assist?

Carlos

Carlos Perez, Jr., Ph.D.

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Carlos,

as you know, when in school people should still wear a mask. No one can seem to answer Mr. Wasko's question about whether a statement has been made about wearing masks when voting. JUNE 8, 2021.

My thought is- presently the EO says when in school people should wear a mask. So let's put a sign on the door that you can not enter without a mask and all poll workers in the schools will wear a mask the entire time. Apparently, Mr. Giorgio asked the question to Chief Roddy, and Chief Roddy was told by Morris County prosecutors office that is a Board of Education call. But I do not believe that is correct.

Do you have someone at the county administration offices that can help with this? Otherwise, I am going to instruct the schools to put up several signs about masks and have Mr. Wasko send a letter to Mr. Giorgio to instruct the poll workers that masks must be worn.

Thank you.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Michael Wasko
Subject: Re: International travel

thank you

From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Kathryn Whitehead
Subject: Re: International travel

Kathy,

Based on our previous discussions, that is correct. Also, we are following the CDC guidelines below (although we are recommending a 10 day quarantine period):

- Before you arrive in the United States:
 - All air passengers coming to the United States, including U.S. citizens and fully vaccinated people, [are required](#) to have a negative COVID-19 viral test result no more than 3 days before travel or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months before they board a flight to the United States:
- After you travel:
 - Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel **AND** stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
 - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
 - If your test is positive, [isolate](#) yourself to protect others from getting infected.
 - If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at [increased risk for severe illness](#) for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all [state and local](#) recommendations or requirements.

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Hope this helps....call me if you have any questions.

On Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 10:57 AM Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com> wrote:

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 12:49 PM
To: michael wasko
Subject: FW: MJS 8th Grade Dance Questions
Attachments: Updated_Travel_Masking_K-12_Schools_NJLINCS_Message_5.20.21_.108489.pdf

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 11:21 AM
To: 'Michael Anderson' <michael.anderson@hanovertwpschools.org>
Subject: RE: MJS 8th Grade Dance Questions

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Seating is allowed in the gym with the dance floor. Do the best you are able with the distancing. I feel like for the most part, social distancing will go out the window, so I am recommending wearing masks during the dance except when eating.

Food can not be made at home and brought in. Just like in school. Pizza is fine and having someone serve it is always better.

Even though many guidelines have been lifted, they have not been lifted for the school setting. We still want to have the dance in a safe manor to prevent the spread of illness.

I am including the "clarification" on mask wearing for your benefit. It makes it clear as mud.

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From: Michael Anderson <michael.anderson@hanovertwpschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanover township.com>
Subject: Re: MJS 8th Grade Dance Questions

Good afternoon,

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:48 PM
To: Michael Wasko
Subject: Re: Safe Reopening of Schools Template

I understand. We are hearing that masks will be required in the fall. Which is so frustrating. Your child can go to Target without a mask and no social distancing but a child goes to school has to wear a mask. And presently athletes do not have to wear a mask, but band and choir do.

On the Office of Local Health call they actually said that the EO will go into effect on Friday but guidance might not be available until next week.

I think we may see it change several times before schools open.

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 9:16:00 AM
To: Kathryn Whitehead
Subject: Re: Safe Reopening of Schools Template

Kathy,

If you scroll down to pages 2, 3, and 4,that is the NJDOE Template we received....hard to believe.....The template gives us a listing of topics to address, but absolutely no direction.....For example, on the topic of masks - are districts able to say that masks will be optional or are we to infer from the topic heading "Universal and correct wearing of masks" that every student and staff member will be required to wear a mask at all times?

Go figure.

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 7:13:58 PM
To: Kathryn Whitehead
Subject: Safe Reopening of Schools Template

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 12:48 PM
To: 'michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org'
Subject: guide lines from Executive Order allowing BOE meetings

The number of individuals at indoor gatherings that are political activities, wedding ceremonies, wedding receptions, funerals, or memorial services shall be limited to 50 percent of the capacity of the room in which it takes place, but regardless of the capacity of the room, such limit shall never be larger than 9 250 persons or smaller than 25 persons, excluding staff of the gathering venue. For purposes of this Order, any private residence or residential unit shall be treated as a single "room."

Legislative proceedings of State, county, or local government, including local Boards of Education, and State and local judicial proceedings in indoor settings are not subject to the capacity limits on indoor gatherings in this or any other applicable Executive Order. Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 230 (2021) is hereby superseded to the extent that it conflicts with the provisions of this Order.

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Kathryn Whitehead

From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Michael Wasko
Subject: Re: Changes in Quarantine Time

yes once we are yellow for at least 2 weeks, going into three weeks. Last time Morris School District did that and the following week it was orange. What a mess. Based on what I am seeing I believe we will be there mid-May.

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
Date: 4/29/21 1:05 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>
Subject: Changes in Quarantine Time

Kathy,

Once the Cali Score goes public indicating that we are now in the "yellow," do you foresee us reducing the number of days individuals will need to quarantine? Especially students.....just wanted to get your thoughts.

Thanks.

--

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:47 AM
To: michael wasko; Carmen Canean; Christina Vitiello; M Carrell
Cc: Wendy Busby; Rosanna Mead; Rob Canean; Elizabeth Gioia; C Kelly; Marina Smith
Subject: International travel of vaccinated individuals

Dear Mike,

Below is the information that was sent out during the NJ Epidemiologist meeting.

From NJ DOH April 4, 2021

You no longer need to quarantine or get tested before/after domestic travel if you are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past three months:

- It has been more than two weeks since you received your second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine;
- It has been more than two weeks since you received your first and only dose of the Janssen/Johnson and Johnson vaccine; or,
- You have clinically recovered from COVID-19 in the past three months

Please note that for international travel, the federal requirement for testing upon return to the United States still stands for both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated travelers – additional details are listed below.

From CDC:

Updated Information for Travelers

Fully vaccinated travelers are less likely to get and spread COVID-19. However, international travel poses additional risks and even fully vaccinated travelers are at increased risk for getting and possibly spreading new COVID-19 variants.

CDC recommends delaying international travel until you are fully vaccinated.

If you are fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine:

- You should continue to follow CDC's recommendations for traveling safely and get tested 3-5 days after travel.
- You do NOT need to get tested before leaving United States unless your destination requires it.
- You do NOT need to self-quarantine after arriving in the United States.

Kathryn Whitehead

From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:48 PM
To: Michael Wasko; Mark Roddy
Subject: Re: Clarification of EO 230

Good Afternoon Gentlemen,

Today on the Office of Local Public Health, they spoke about this very thing. The interpretation is; that the Board of Ed. statement is for meetings, not any function sponsored or supported by the BOE. Apparently all the Trenton powers are working on guidance for end of the year activities.

They mentioned that presently the gathering limit indoors is 25 And since the school is not a venue, we can not use that term to describe an activity using a gym. Also, still no dancing allowed.

Please do not shoot the messenger, just sending you what they said.

Kathy

From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Mark Roddy
Cc: Kathryn Whitehead
Subject: Re: Clarification of EO 230

Mark,

I think you bring up a great point. I am concerned with the interpretation of what the wording "no limits" truly means.....especially if it really means no limits.

On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 12:19 PM Mark Roddy <MRoddy@hanoverpolice.com> wrote:

The only matter of concern that I see is the "*legislative proceeding*" portion imbedded in the rather lengthy sentence. I'm not sure if they mean a Board of Ed meeting or any type of event held by a Board of Ed such as graduations, etc.

Mark R.

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From: Michael Wasko <michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Mark Roddy <MRoddy@HANOVERPOLICE.COM>; Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com>
Subject: Clarification of EO 230

Kathy and Mark,

Happy Monday.....hope all is well with both of you.....I received an email from the NJDOE last week regarding outdoor events sponsored by local BOE's stating that there are no limits to the number of people who attend outdoor events.....see below:

According to Executive Order No. 230 (<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-234.pdf>) there are no limits to the number of people at outdoor events sponsored by a Board of Education.

Paragraph 8 of Executive Order No. 230 (2021) is hereby rescinded and the number of individuals at outdoor gatherings shall

be limited to 200 persons or fewer. **An outdoor gathering that is a religious service or celebration, political activity, wedding**

ceremony or reception, funeral, memorial service, meeting of an addiction support group, legislative proceeding of State, county, or

local government, including local Boards of Education, or State or local judicial proceeding is not required to comply with the numerical

limit on persons. All other requirements for outdoor gatherings contained in Paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 161 (2020), including

the requirements of Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 152 (2020) incorporated by reference therein, shall remain in effect. Paragraph

2 of Executive Order No. 228 (2021) is hereby superseded to the extent that it conflicts with the provisions of this Order.

Since we are in the middle of planning all year end activities, I wanted to get your thoughts to ensure we are all on the same page.....let me know....have a great day.

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Michael J. Wasko

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Kathryn Whitehead

From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:36 AM
To: Rosanna Mead; Rob Camean; Michael.Wasko@htboe.org
Subject: Re: Changes in quarantine guidelines

if it is ok with Rob (and Mr. Wasko) , you can let her come in. Explain that while we were on break the change occurred and we are just updating the information.

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From: Rosanna Mead <rosanna.mead@hanovertwpschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:28:15 AM
To: Kathryn Whitehead
Subject: Re: Changes in quarantine guidelines

This is inclusive of students or is this just for staff? I have a student who recovered from COVID in March who traveled to Florida and is currently quarantining. Can I allow him back?

On Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 10:22 AM Kathryn Whitehead <KWhitehead@hanovertownship.com> wrote:
This is from NJ Department of Health on 4/4/2021.

People who are fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine and persons who clinically recovered from COVID-19 in the past three months who are traveling domestically within the United States do not need to be tested for COVID-19 before or after travel to New Jersey and do not need to self-quarantine upon return.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
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To: 'michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org'
Subject: UPDATE

Just to muddy the waters, I just learned of this update that occurred last week. Apparently I am sleeping on the job. Information for people who recently recovered from COVID-19

From CDC

If you recovered from a documented COVID-19 infection within the last 3 months, follow all requirements and recommendations for fully vaccinated travelers except you do NOT need to get a test 3-5 days after travel unless you are symptomatic. People can continue to test positive for up to 3 months after diagnosis and not be infectious to others.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:08 PM
To: 'michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org'; 'Greg Margolis'
Subject: The Class at Bee Meadow quarantining

I am wondering if just for this class we could ask them to get tested and let them return after 10 days? It is a .3% risk. Difference from the 14 days quarantine.

It has to be a PCR test. It may be a moot point asking this late in the game. I meant to email you both over the weekend.

It is not likely the staff member is passing on any virus, especially since she was vaccinated.

Thoughts?

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'darrin.stark@hanovertwpschools.org'
Subject: [REDACTED]
Importance: High

Today [REDACTED] had a rapid test which was negative and an antibody test which showed + long Term antibodies which we would expect to see in a vaccinated person. I emailed the NJ DOH Long Term Care people and asked them to look into the situation, it is in Bergen County. I also emailed my epidemiologist to ask if we can accept this information and disregard the + test from last week. I have not heard back yet. I am hoping in a day or 2 we can cancel quarantine and allow the students to return. I will let you know as soon as I hear.

Hopefully this is a lab issue and not a horrible new variant not covered by the vaccine.

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
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To: 'Michael Wasko'
Subject: RE: Summary of EOs / Gatherings

This is great, thank you

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FYI....wanted to share this with you.

Be well.

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Good morning –

Nick sent me this EO summary found on the NJ DOH website (see link) and I thought you might find it helpful... Thanks Nick...

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/reopening-guidance-and-restrictions/how-can-people-safely-get-together-what-are-the-limits-for-indoor-and-outdoor-gatherings>

Roger

How can people safely get together? What are the limits for indoor and outdoor gatherings?

Attending a gathering, ceremony, or celebration is permitted, but different limits apply depending on the type of gathering and where it is happening:

Indoor Gatherings

Face coverings are required [in indoor public spaces](#) and in outdoor public spaces when social distancing is difficult to maintain. Given the current surge in COVID-19 cases, indoor gatherings should be limited to immediate household members if possible.

- **General indoor gatherings** must be limited to 10 people. All attendees at indoor gatherings must wear face coverings and stay six feet apart.
- **Indoor gatherings for religious services and celebrations**, including wedding ceremonies, funerals and memorial services that involve a religious service, must be limited to 50 percent of a room's capacity. Wedding ceremonies, funerals, and memorial services that do not involve a religious service must be limited to 35 percent of a room's capacity, but no more than 150 individuals.
- **Indoor wedding receptions** are capped at 35 percent of the room's indoor capacity, but no more than 150 individuals. [Learn more.](#)
- **Indoor gatherings for political activities protected under the First Amendment** must be limited to 35 percent of a room's capacity, but no more than 150 individuals.
- **Indoor sports practices and competitions** may exceed the general indoor gathering limit under specific exceptions, [described in this article](#).
- **Indoor gatherings for entertainment centers** where performances are viewed or given, including movie theaters, performing arts centers, and other concert venues, must be limited to 35 percent of a room's capacity, but no more than 150 individuals.
- **Large venues, including sports and entertainment venues, with a fixed seating capacity of 5,000 or more** will be permitted to host events at 10 percent capacity indoors; the 10 percent capacity limit will exclude participants, such as athletes and performers, and staff, such as coaches and ushers, but include patrons and other members of the public.
- **Indoor meetings of addiction support groups**, such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, must be limited to 35 percent of a room's capacity, but no more than 150 individuals.
- **Legislative and judicial proceedings** are not subject to the limits on indoor gatherings.

Outdoor Gatherings

- **General outdoor gatherings** must be limited to 25 people and social distancing must be practiced.
- There is no limit for **outdoor gatherings for wedding ceremonies, funerals, memorial services, religious activities, or political activities**.
- **Outdoor wedding receptions** are limited to 150 individuals. [Learn more.](#)
- **Outdoor sports practices and competitions** may exceed the general outdoor gathering limit under specific exceptions, [described in this article](#).

- **Large venues**, including sports and entertainment venues, with a fixed seating capacity of 5,000 or more may host events at 15 percent capacity outdoors; the 15 percent capacity limit will exclude participants, such as athletes and performers, and staff, such as coaches and ushers, but include patrons and other members of the public.

Safety Tips For Gatherings

To avoid putting your loved ones at risk as COVID-19 cases remain high, the NJ Department of Health has offered safety tips for in-person gatherings:

- [Wear a mask](#), wash your hands, practice social distancing, and stay home if you are sick.
- Given the current surge in COVID-19 cases, only gather indoors with immediate household members if possible. Indoor gatherings are particularly dangerous places for the virus to spread. Host outdoor activities rather than indoor activities as much as possible.
- If you do host indoors, increase ventilation by opening windows and doors or by placing central air and heating on continuous circulation.
- The smaller the gathering is, the less likely it is that someone is infected and put loved ones at risk.
- Require guests to wear masks when not eating, whether indoors or outdoors.
- Plan ahead and ask guests to avoid contact with people outside of their households for 14 days before the gathering.
- Guests should avoid direct contact, including handshakes and hugs, with others outside their household.
- Make hand sanitizer available for guests.
- Gatherings that last longer pose more risk than shorter gatherings.
- When hosting activities, do so with people only from your local area as much as possible. Activities with attendees traveling from different locations increase the risk of infection and spread, especially if they are coming from or traveling to a location with higher levels of COVID-19 cases and community spread.
- Remind invited guests to stay home if they have been exposed to the virus in the last 14 days, are showing COVID-19 symptoms, or recently travelled [to an area or a state with high COVID-19 infection rates](#).
- Limit the number of people handling or serving food—for example, consider identifying one person to serve all food so that multiple people are not handling the serving utensils.
- Remind guests to wash their hands before serving or eating food.
- Use single-use hand towels or paper towels for drying hands so guests do not share a towel.
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and any shared items between use when feasible.
- Consider keeping a list of guests who attended for potential future contact tracing needs. If you are called by a contact tracer, it's critical that you answer the call to protect us all. Your help is the key to stopping the spread of COVID-19 and saving lives.
- **Download the [COVID Alert NJ App](#).** The app is New Jersey's free and secure mobile app that anonymously alerts users if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. COVID Alert NJ uses Bluetooth proximity technology, never records any identifying data, and all users will remain anonymous. Download the app from the [Google Play Store](#) or [Apple App Store](#).

For more information on rules for indoor gatherings, refer to paragraph 1 of [Executive Order No. 225](#) and paragraph 1 (b-i) on page 6 of [Executive Order No. 152](#).

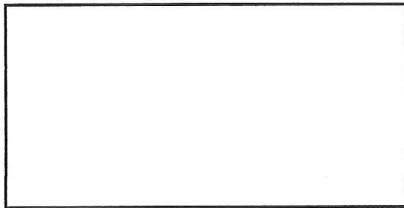
For more information on rules for outdoor gatherings, refer to paragraph 4 of [Executive Order No. 204](#) and paragraph 2 (b-i) on pages 7 of [Executive Order No. 152](#).

Source: [Executive Order No. 152](#); [Commissioner Persichilli's Remarks 7/29/20](#); [Executive Order No. 183](#); [Commissioner Persichilli's Remarks 10/15/20](#); [Executive Order No. 204](#); [Executive Order No. 225](#)

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 10:53 AM
To: 'michael.wasko@hanovertwpschools.org'
Cc: Gorman, Stephanie (sgorman@co.morris.nj.us); 'Carlos Perez'
Subject: Travel Quarantine

Mike,

This is the email I referred to and this information would be the same for Hanover Twp. as well.

While our office cannot approve/deny school plans, we can review to ensure proposals are consistent with CDC and NJDOH COVID-19 guidelines. Quarantine and isolation guidelines were recently updated to include exceptions for vaccinated persons [COVID_updated_quarantine_timeframes.pdf (state.nj.us)] that the school may want to consider incorporating into their guidelines; however, these changes do not extend to vaccinated travelers.

While NJ is starting to see rates of transmission decline, we want to continue in that direction, so with spring break around the corner, we have concerns with the possibility of numbers spiking and identification of novel variants among our community. In regards to travel, CDC and NJDOH have not relaxed quarantine protocols and still indicate travel should be avoided. Unfortunately, due to the identification of novel variants, I do not foresee CDC or NJDOH revising guidelines within the next few weeks to loosen travel restrictions and/or quarantine requirements. At this point in time and based on the information available, I would be very cautious with allowing teachers to return to school after traveling without completing at a minimum a shortened quarantine period and post-travel testing, especially if travel is to an area experiencing very high rates of transmission and documented novel variants. Currently, travelers from China, Iran, parts of Europe, United Kingdom, Republic Ireland, Brazil and South Africa are prohibited from entry to the United States. If persons are traveling to these areas or other destinations that are classified as Level 4 (Very High) by the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>) they should complete the 14 day quarantine period at home.

I wish I could provide better news with regards to loosening quarantine guidelines as I know this will have an impact on operations, but with novel variants emerging measures to protect against further spread, especially as it relates to travel, must remain in place. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Stephanie

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From: Kathryn Whitehead
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To: Michael Wasko
Subject: RE: Staff Travel Quarantines

Mike,

I would consider all these visits business travel and no Quarantine necessary. Just request the staff be extra vigilant with wearing mask and monitoring for symptoms for the next 14 days when they return.

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Kathy,

Just wanted to touch base with you regarding staff members who have notified me that they will be traveling in the coming weeks for college drop-offs:

- **EC (Boston, MA):** I will be taking my daughter back to school on January 16th and returning on January 17th. We will be staying overnight at a Hotel. However; if we decide to come right back rather than staying overnight I will let you know. Please advise on what rules may apply to me on my return.
- **MR (Ohio):** I will be dropping my daughter off at college in Ohio the weekend of January 17th. We will only be visiting campus and then returning the next day.
- **BV (Ohio):** I am writing to inform you that I will be dropping my daughter off at college this weekend, January 16th. I will be going to her school in Ohio, but I will be there for less than 24 hours.

Just want to confirm the quarantine period with you, if it's easier we can talk on the phone....let me know what works best for you.

Happy Monday.

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