

A Message from the Nurses to Families

1/13/2022

We know these are very trying times and we hope you and your families are doing well and staying healthy as best you can. We would like to inform you of the guidelines we are currently following here at Mercer County Special Services School District. We are following recommendations from the CDC, NJDOE, NJDOH and NJ State Executive Orders in conjunction with our local Board of Health. We are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of our students and staff to maintain in-person learning.

STUDENTS POSITIVE FOR COVID19- *Must isolate for a full 10 days.* May return on day 11, if symptoms have improved and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications.

DIRECT CONTACT- *If your child is identified as a direct contact, and not vaccinated, they must quarantine for a full 10 days.* If your child is vaccinated and a direct contact, please contact your school nurse for further guidance. Guidance has changed regarding “fully vaccinated”.

DIRECT CONTACT OF A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER: *Unvaccinated students must quarantine for a full 10 days after their last contact with the positive household member.* This quarantine can last up to 20 days. Please contact your school nurse for further guidance.

TRAVEL: If you have traveled outside of the tri-state area or country and are not vaccinated or boosted, you may need to be excluded from school. Please contact your school nurse when you travel.

Please remember to not send your child to school ill, or if they are waiting for results of a COVID test. WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY HOME NEGATIVE RAPID TEST RESULTS. If you believe they do not have COVID, and are ill, they will need an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider before returning to school. If your child is not vaccinated, they cannot come to school if anyone in the household is sick with COVID like symptoms, or the household person is waiting for their COVID test results. We unfortunately may need to call you to pick up your child from school for illness or because of a direct exposure. We ask that you plan for transportation if this would occur, pickup must be in a timely manner.

Our goal as school nurses is to keep our school community as healthy as possible during this surge in COVID cases and always. We want to ensure the safety of our students and we also want to help keep our doors open for learning. We believe we can do this with your help! We know this is a lot of information and we ask you to contact your building school nurses with any questions or further guidance at the numbers listed below. Please inform us if your child tested positive for COVID after January 7th before returning to school.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. We hope you and your families stay well during these difficult times. We look forward to seeing you child back in school soon!

The Nurses

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