

DELRAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 14, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This communication serves as a follow up to the December 23, 2020 [communication](#).

We are eager to resume our hybrid program on January 19, 2021. Below is information regarding student attendance, meals and what to expect on our return to a hybrid instruction model.

Hybrid Cohort Information

[HERE](#) is information regarding cohort reporting days.

Health and Safety Protocols

All of the procedures and protocols that were in effect on November 13, 2020 (our last day of our Hybrid model) continue to remain in effect. The District plan can be reviewed [HERE](#).

Academic Schedules

Each school will forward specific information regarding their school schedules to your attention.

[Delran High School](#)

[Delran Middle School](#)

[Delran Intermediate School](#)

[Millbridge](#)

The question has been raised regarding the academic schedule duration, particularly at Millbridge Elementary School, regarding duration. While we believe that the format of a single session for the moment is appropriate given the public health factors provided by the most recent [release](#) from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) for the Southwest region, we do monitor the public health data reports and seek to expand in person opportunities when feasible.

COVID-19 Information

Public Health Information

Since the reopening of the school district on September 1, 2020 the District share of total COVID-19 cases in the Township is approximately 10%. As of January 12, 2021 the current rolling seven day average for the daily number of new cases in the Township is 9.29 per day. This means that based on our trend since the beginning of the school year, nearly 1 case per day in the Township can be traced back to the District.

The District reports it's COVID-19 information in a [Dashboard](#) on our website for you to consult at your convenience. Based on public feedback, the nightly emails regarding active cases will discontinue, but the contact tracing for impacted individuals will continue unchanged. Our Dashboard is updated in real time as cases develop. A weekly COVID-19 update will be forwarded to the community that outlines any District activity.

District information regarding COVID-19 specifically is available in our [Public Health Notice](#) section of the website.

The District has had 115 cases of COVID-19 positive staff members or students this school year. Half of those cases resulted from a DHS staff member or student; one quarter from DMS and one quarter shared between DIS and Millbridge.

Exclusion Information

Parents should not send students to school when sick.

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) recommends that students with the following symptoms be promptly isolated from others and excluded from school:

- At least two of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose; OR
- At least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder.

Students or staff members that have contracted COVID-19 will be excluded for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

Those that are a Close Contact¹ of a COVID-19 positive individual will require a quarantine of 14 days.

Those that are a Close Contact of a COVID-19 positive family member will have to be quarantined for 24 days (the 10 days they could be exposed to a family member with COVID-19 plus an additional 14).

A change in policy has taken place from the NJDOH; an Alternate Diagnosis is no longer accepted. A negative COVID test or a 10 day quarantine are now required until further notice.

¹ Within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period.

The District is not implementing a quarantine period of less than 14 days for any reasons associated with Close Contact cases.

Travel

If you have travelled to any U.S. State or Territory except New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware you will need to quarantine for 14 days and will not be eligible to attend school or any District sponsored activity. Please advise your school Nurse for more information.

Technological Support

Should you need technical support you can fill out a [Help Desk](#) ticket. When you do, please see that you provide a personal email address so the technician can correspond with you directly.

Meals

The District will continue to provide meals to all students. All four schools will serve lunch in a 'grab and go format' at the end of each day during the hybrid schedule for those students attending in-person instruction on either a Rancocas or Delaware Hybrid Schedule. The 'grab and go' format will provide breakfast meals for subsequent days. Parents needn't do anything in advance regarding sign up.

All meals are free to students through the end of the school year.

Breakfast will not be served in school, nor will a snack at the grade 3 through 12 levels. Millbridge will continue to provide time for snacks.

There will be a weekly meal distribution for Full Remote Students needing supplemental meals. The District Food Distribution will continue to take place on Wednesdays at Delran High School and Delran Middle School as it has since September.

Transportation

There have been no changes to transportation and schedules will resume as they had been prior to our transition to a remote program.

If you have any questions regarding our resumption of our hybrid instructional program please contact the District at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Brian Brotschul, Ed. D.

Superintendent of Schools