



NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Norwood Community,

With the nationwide uptick in COVID transmission rates we wanted to provide you with some guidance and information regarding our COVID policies and procedures. As we monitor our health and safety we continue to be in contact with the Bergen County Department of Health to report positive cases of COVID and receive guidance regarding contact tracing. The BCDOH also works cooperatively with our district to analyze the number of cases, transmission settings, and recommend if full classroom quarantines or school-wide closures are needed.

Currently, school districts are not permitted to offer remote instruction school wide unless there is a closure recommended by BCDOH. Fortunately, the level of COVID transmission and the number of students and staff members that have tested positive does not warrant a school wide closure. We will continue to monitor COVID activity and report to the BCDOH. While we certainly hope to avoid a school wide closure, if a closure was recommended by BCDOH we would act accordingly.

New Jersey Department of Health has changed their guidelines for quarantine. In turn, we will adjust our requirements for quarantining. Updated requirements are below.

If your child is identified as a close contact and is unvaccinated there are now two options for quarantine.

Option A: Ten day quarantine, no test.

Option B: 7 day quarantine, negative test, with the test administered 5-7 days after exposure. Both PCR and rapid tests are acceptable.

If your child tests positive for COVID there is only one option for quarantine.

Mandatory ten day quarantine

Please note, the first day of quarantine is the day after exposure or the day after the positive test result. If identified as a close contact, vaccinated students are not required to quarantine. Regardless of vaccination status students must be asymptomatic to attend school.

While we are on holiday break we ask that you refer to the chart below for guidance on the required quarantine and date that your child is permitted to return to school.

IF YOUR CHILD IS A CLOSE CONTACT

<i>Date of Exposure</i>	<i>Return Date with Negative Test</i>	<i>Return Date No Test</i>
December 24	Monday, January 3	Tuesday, January 4
December 25	Monday, January 3	Wednesday, January 5
December 26	Monday, January 3	Thursday, January 6
December 27	Tuesday, January 4	Friday, January 7
December 28	Wednesday, January 5	Monday, January 10
December 29	Thursday, January 6	Monday, January 10
December 30	Friday, January 7	Monday, January 10
December 31	Monday, January 10	Tuesday, January 11
January 1	Monday, January 10	Wednesday, January 12
January 2	Monday, January 10	Thursday, January 13

IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID

<i>Date of Positive Test</i>	<i>Return Date</i>
December 24	Tuesday, January 4
December 25	Wednesday, January 5
December 26	Thursday, January 6
December 27	Friday, January 7
December 28	Monday, January 10
December 29	Monday, January 10
December 30	Monday, January 10
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If your child tests positive or is a close contact we ask that you email our school nurse Ms. Froeder (froeder@wearenorwood.com) and principal Mr. DeLaura (delaurajr@wearenorwood.com).

In the email please include:

Student Name:

Student Grade:

Student Homeroom Teacher:

Date of Positive Test or Exposure:

Date of Symptom Onset (if symptomatic):

Date of Anticipated Return (see chart above):

Negative Test Results should be mailed to covidtestresults@wearenorwood.com

On January 3, live remote instruction will not be provided to students quarantining; however, by the end of the school day you will receive an email from your child's teacher with assignments for the day and instructions for accessing remote instruction during the remainder of your child's required quarantine period.

We appreciate your honesty, cooperation, and attention to our procedures. Maintaining a healthy school environment is truly a community effort and we thank you in advance for helping to keep NPS as safe and healthy as possible.

We are Norwood. We are One.

Sincerely,

Kevin Ulmer