

COVID-19 Update

December 2, 2021

Comparison to Last Year

| Location | 2020-2021 10 Months | 2021-2022 3 Months (through 12/2/21) | Difference |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|------------|
| Whiton Elementary School | 25 | 25 | 0 |
| Stony Brook School | 13 | 29 | +16 |
| Branchburg Central Middle School | 25 | 18 | -7 |
| Board Office & Transportation | 7 | 0 | -7 |
| TOTAL | 70 | 72 | +2 |

In the first 3 months of the 2021-2022 school year, we have surpassed the total COVID-19 cases from the whole 2020-2021 school year.

Reporting to Community

Updated only when there is a new case to report.

COVID-19 Cases Dashboard

The cases listed below are the confirmed COVID-19 cases that directly impact our schools and District facilities. These are the confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the beginning of the school year on September 1, 2021.

| Location | New Cases as of 12/2/21 | Total Cases since 9/1/21 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Whiton Elementary School | 1 | 25 |
| Stony Brook School | 0 | 29 |
| Branchburg Central Middle School | 0 | 18 |
| BOE Admin Office/Transportation | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 72 |

Last Modified: Thursday, December 2, 2021

Effective December 2, 2021 - due to the Central West region moving into High Risk level, all quarantines will be for 14 days.

If it was determined that you came in close contact with a positive individual in our district, you will be contacted by a contact tracer and provided guidance. If you have not been contacted by a contact tracer, you do not need to do anything.

Link to COVID-19 Dashboard on district website: [COVID-19 Cases Dashboard](#)

New Jersey Activity Level

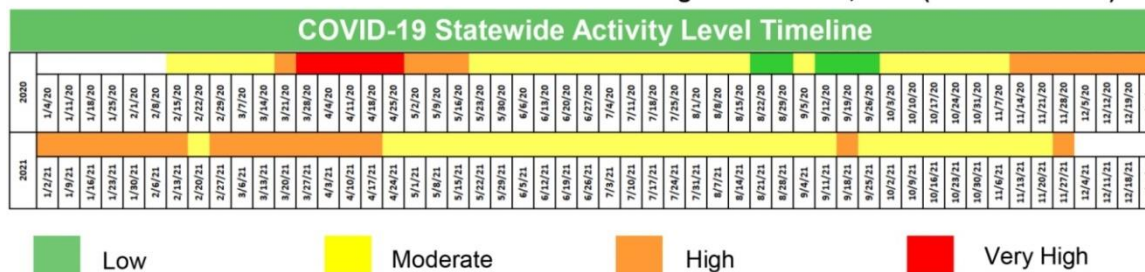


COVID-19 Activity Level Report

New Jersey Department of Health

Communicable Disease Service

Week ending November 27, 2021 (MMWR week 47)¹



■ Low
 ■ Moderate
 ■ High
 ■ Very High



| Region ² | Current Activity Level |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Northwest | MODERATE |
| Northeast | MODERATE |
| Central West | HIGH |
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| Southwest | HIGH |
| Southeast | MODERATE |
| STATEWIDE | HIGH |

Other than a 1 week anomaly, this is the first time our region (Central West) has moved to "High Activity" since April 2021.

Close Contact & Quarantine Steps

Steps for Determining Close Contact and Quarantine in K–12 Schools



Students in **INDOOR CLASSROOMS** and **STRUCTURED OUTDOOR SETTINGS**

If yes to **all of the below**, the student is a close contact, **regardless of proper mask use**. If no to any, move to the next column.

LESS THAN 3 FEET

Was the student within 3 feet of another student diagnosed with COVID-19?

Has the student been in the presence of a student with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period?

If the answers to the questions above are both yes, the student is a close contact, regardless of proper mask use.

If yes to **all of the below**, the student is a close contact. If no to any, then the student is not a close contact.

WITHIN 3–6 FEET

Was the student within 3 to 6 feet of another student diagnosed with COVID-19?

Has the student been in the presence of a student with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period?

Were either of the two students **wearing masks inconsistently, incorrectly, or not at all**?

Use [masks](#) to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Students in **NON-CLASSROOM SETTINGS** and adults in **ALL SCHOOL SETTINGS**

If yes to **all of the below**, the person is a close contact, **regardless of proper mask use**. If no to any, the person is not a close contact.

LESS THAN 6 FEET

Was the student or adult within 6 feet of someone diagnosed with COVID-19?

Has the person been in the presence of a person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period?

If the answers to the questions above are both yes, the person is a close contact, regardless of proper mask use.



Close Contact & Quarantine Steps

Does the close contact need to quarantine?

If they are **NOT FULLY VACCINATED**

The close contact needs to [quarantine](#).

The close contact should monitor for symptoms and [get tested](#) immediately and again 5–7 days after the exposure. The close contact should [wear a mask](#) if they must be around others.

A school or public health official will determine the length of the quarantine. CDC recommends a total of 14 days from the date of the exposure.

Regardless of vaccination status, if a close contact develops [symptoms](#), they should [isolate](#) and [get tested](#) immediately.

If they are **FULLY VACCINATED**

The close contact does not need to [quarantine](#).

The close contact should monitor for [symptoms](#), [get tested](#) 5–7 days after the exposure, and [wear a mask](#) indoors in public for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

Regardless of vaccination status, if a close contact develops [symptoms](#), they should [isolate](#) and [get tested](#) immediately.

If they have had COVID-19 **WITHIN THE PAST 90 DAYS, COMPLETED ISOLATION, and RECOVERED**

The close contact does not need to [quarantine](#).

The close contact should monitor for [symptoms](#), [wear a mask](#) indoors in public for 14 days, and speak with a healthcare professional about testing recommendations.

Close contacts who had a prior infection in the past 90 days and who develop new [symptoms](#) should [isolate](#) immediately and consult a healthcare professional for testing recommendations.

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**U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services**
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

CDC Website: [Steps for Determining Close Contact and Quarantine in K–12 Schools](#)

Take Aways

- COVID numbers show that our current cases for the 3 months of this school year, exceed last year's numbers for 10 months. This is mainly due to full time, in-person instruction.
- The COVID-19 Dashboard is located on the district and each school's website and is updated each time a new case is reported.
- The COVID-19 Dashboard highlights resources from the district, CDC and the State of NJ Department of Health.
- A 14 day quarantine is required:
 - If a school outbreak has been identified. An outbreak is defined as three or more confirmed cases among students or staff over a 14 day period.
 - When our region's COVID activity falls within the High or Very High Risk level as reported by the NJ Department of Health.
- The health and safety of our students and staff depends on the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders.