

January 19, 2022

Dear Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Parents, Faculty, Staff, and Community Members,

**Two important announcements:**

1. The New Jersey Department of Health updated quarantine recommendations for non-healthcare settings again.
2. Wintry weather is predicted for tomorrow morning and forecasts are very uncertain.

The New Jersey Department of Health updated quarantine recommendations for non-healthcare settings again. The change includes information about who does and who does not need to quarantine when exposed to COVID-19. The change from last week's guidance dated January 11, 2022, is bolded and highlighted below. Previous guidance was shared in [my January 11, 2022 letter to the community here](#).

**Who does NOT need to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19 (as long as no symptoms exist)?**

- **Persons who are twelve years old and older** who completed a primary series, meaning the vaccine administered as the first dose for 1-dose series and the second dose for 2-dose series, **AND** have **received all recommended** vaccine doses, including boosters and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people, do not need to quarantine.
- Children 5-11 years old who completed their primary series of COVID-19 vaccine, do not need to quarantine.
- Persons who had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (positive viral test), do not need to quarantine.

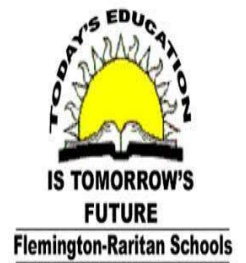
**Who does need to quarantine, if exposed to COVID-19?**

- **Persons who are twelve years old or older who completed a primary series, meaning the vaccine administered on the first dose for 1-dose series and the second dose for a 2-dose series but have NOT received a recommended booster when eligible**, need to quarantine.
- **Persons who are not fully vaccinated (haven't completed a primary vaccine series)**, need to quarantine.

The shortened quarantine time frame and other guidance from last week's letter remain the same. As a reminder, quarantine can end after day five IF the individual starts out without symptoms. Start counting on the date of your positive test, OR on the first day of symptoms.

The District is moving forward with new guidelines and continues to complete the required contact tracing for every positive case of COVID-19. The district supports vaccination for all eligible students and staff/covered workers. Parents are encouraged to submit a copy of their child's vaccination card to the school nurse to assist with vaccination record status.

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**Incoming Winter Weather:**

Please be reminded that we had three built-in snow days for this calendar year. We used one snow day on January 7, 2022. Parents should be prepared for a traditional snow day or a delayed opening if the weather necessitates a school closing or a delayed opening. The District will continue to monitor the weather closely and make a decision in consultation with Emergency Management Officials and Transportation Officers for an on-time opening, a delayed opening, or school closing. I will communicate as early as possible.

Governor Murphy remains rigid on remote instruction. According to the State of New Jersey Department of Education Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs, a virtual instruction day will be implemented during a district closure lasting more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared a public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure.

The district may not switch from a snow day to a virtual instruction day until after the third day of consecutive school closings. A switch to a virtual remote day of learning must be COVID-19 related. For example, if a school is on an early dismissal schedule due to COVID-19, a delayed opening may not fit into the existing schedule; therefore, a pivot to a virtual day may be permitted. A consultation with the New Jersey Department of Health is required prior to pivoting to remote learning for a virtual instruction day to count toward the required 180 days of instruction.

Thank you for all that you are doing to support our school district and our community.

My best to our families,

Dr. Kari McGann  
Superintendent of Schools