

North Haledon Public Schools

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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

This morning, there were reports coming from Governor Murphy's office as to a 30-day timeline regarding the mask mandate per EO 281. This EO, distributed statewide yesterday, did not include a 30-day timeline (or any other timeline). Still, we will await yet another decision by Governor Murphy.

The emphasis beginning with the Road Forward, and moving through all EO's from the start of the school year, was on in-person instruction. I believe we all can agree that the most effective way for our students to learn is through in-person instruction.

With this in mind, we need to all work together and be mindful of each other regardless of what may be your belief or ideology. We want our schools open, but we need help and cooperation from everyone. Again, we echo the sentiments of our state as it pertains to in-person instruction. Let's do our best to support each other and control what we are able to control.

1. Anyone who is awaiting results of a Covid test or screening, do stay home until the results return. And, please share these results with your respective school nurse. If a positive test result and the child was attending school pending these results, this would mean your child could - quite possibly - increase the possibility of peers or staff members being infected.
2. If anyone in your home has tested positive, please inform school officials as your child (who may not be infected) may need to remain home (precautionary) pending their own test or screen. We would provide remote instruction, but school officials would need evidence of a positive result from the individual within your home who has Covid.
3. Please do your best to keep your child home if they are feeling sick or exhibiting symptoms of any sickness such as a common cold.
4. If your child is showing signs of any such sickness in school, our nurses will make contact so that you are able to pick up your child in a timely manner.

As a reminder, there are two circumstances that would close our doors to in-person instruction (unless there is an emergency declaration by Governor Murphy)... An outbreak, or staffing issues.

We are still following travel guidelines per the CDC & NJDOH in terms of quarantine procedures. Please go to the CDC or NJDOH web page for clarification (7-days with a negative result; 10-days if no test; 14-days if a positive result). Again, remote instruction would not be warranted, but your child will be provided time to make-up any assignments missed.

Lastly, please familiarize yourselves with the most current information (attached) with regard to quarantine procedures, as well as safety measures. As always, do reach me via email if you have any questions or shares. Be well,

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