



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

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Good afternoon, First and foremost, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! I trust this time of rest and renewal will provide a positive start for you in 2021. As we prepare to return to school, please note the information below and make it a great day!

- We are excited to welcome students and staff back as expected **on Monday, January 4th**, and resume our regular in-person hybrid schedule. The information provided yesterday from the Camden County Health Department is attached, and infection rates have remained consistent in the last two weeks (orange). Although we are prepared to return to school, we must continue to operate out of an abundance of caution and remain vigilant in our safety procedures. Individuals who have traveled beyond the immediate region (New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) during winter break must stay remote for **ten** days after returning home before returning to the classroom. Furthermore, individuals who have been in close contact with a positive COVID-19 positive individual **OR** have experienced COVID-19 symptoms should not return to school on Monday. In these cases, please contact your school nurse, who will provide you with guidance for a safe return to school timeline.
- Unfortunately, we had several cases of positive COVID-19 tests reported to us over the break. On Monday, we will report this type of information to you in a different format. Instead of receiving individual email notifications of each case, the district will organize a "rolling chart" of information that will be updated regularly on our website. Each time we are informed of a COVID-19 positive test, you will receive a brief email alert indicating that we have completed an update to our chart. Hopefully, this new format will provide you with an easier way to go back and review information without having to search through emails.
- Lastly, there has been a small change to our school calendar for **Wednesday, January 13th**. Each year, the Haddon Township school calendar includes

three emergency weather days, traditionally known as "snow days." This year's school calendar designated Wednesday, January 13th, as a half-day for students to provide professional development for staff in the afternoon. However, we have

decided to use one of our three emergency weather days and turn it into a full day for in-service for our staff members instead. This is not a day that will be made up or added to the end of the calendar year for students. **Instead, January 13th will be a day off from school for students and a day of learning and wellness for staff.** This change will leave us with two remaining emergency weather days should we need them.

Thank you very much for your continued support. Have a great weekend, and best to each of you in the New Year.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent