



# HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

**Effective Tuesday, January 18th, all Haddon Township Schools will return to regular full-day schedules. Schools are closed on Monday, January 17th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.**

Earlier in the week, the New Jersey Department of Health released updated guidelines, and I have composed a summary of key points below for your review, which we have adopted. The complete recommendations can be found [here](#).

- **For individuals who test positive for COVID-19**, the district will transition to a 5-day quarantine from the start of symptoms (Day 0) instead of 10 days. This new 5-day quarantine is contingent on an individual's symptoms completely resolving before returning to school on Day 6. ***The 5-day quarantine protocol will go into effect on Tuesday, January 18th, for students and for staff immediately.*** Individuals will not be eligible for ten days for high-risk activities where a mask cannot be worn, such as competitive athletics. Furthermore, a more socially distanced lunch may be implemented for these individuals on days 6 through 10.
- **Individuals who develop COVID-19 symptoms who are awaiting test results or were not tested** must stay home for a full five days (Day 0 is the first day of symptoms). If symptoms resolve, isolation can end after five full days, and individuals may attend school on Day 6. Home tests will be accepted for COVID positive cases, but a PCR is required to confirm a COVID negative rapid test due to reliability concerns. If symptoms persist, individuals should continue to isolate until fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have resolved.
- Effective Immediately, **Haddon Township Schools will no longer be following the travel advisory that has been in place since the start of the school year.**

### **For Close Contacts of a Positive Case:**

- Unvaccinated students must quarantine if they come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Close contact for students in a school setting is defined as less than 3 feet when students are wearing masks or within 6 feet if not wearing masks for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over 24 hours.
- [Fully vaccinated](#) students, individuals who had COVID-19 in the last 90 days, and adults who completed all recommended vaccines, including boosters, DO NOT have to quarantine unless they start showing symptoms.
- Quarantine is required for adults who have not received a booster within six months of the second vaccine, individuals who have not completed two weeks with the second vaccine, and students under the age of 5 who are not vaccine eligible.

Please continue to report students who test positive for COVID-19 or have COVID-like symptoms to the school nurse. If you have any specific questions, don't hesitate to contact your school administrator. Thank you very much for your continued patience and support. Have a great day.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent