

September 10, 2021

Dear Parents:

Effective 9/10/2021, Atlantic County has moved from the orange “high risk” category to the red “very high risk” category regarding COVID transmission. Due to this change, any newly identified close contacts of COVID-19 cases will require **14 days of quarantine**. Vaccinated individuals should be monitored for symptoms for 14 days but do not require quarantine at this time.

Please screen your child at home every morning and keep your child home if they exhibit **ANY TWO OR MORE** symptoms from Column A or **AT LEAST ONE** symptom in Column B. Notify the school for further instructions if the criteria is met.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
Fever (either by temperature or by feel)	Cough
Chills	Shortness of breath
Rigors (shivers)	Difficulty breathing
Myalgia (muscle aches)	New loss of smell
Headache	New loss of taste
Sore throat	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	
Fatigue	
Congestion or runny nose	

*For students with chronic illness, only new symptoms, or symptoms worse than baseline should be used to fulfill symptom-based exclusion criteria.

In addition, please keep your child home if they:

- Have tested positive for COVID-19 or has been tested and is awaiting results
- Are sick
- Are not fully vaccinated and have had close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the past 14 days (or by the direction of the Atlantic County Department of Health)

Please work with your children to ensure they understand the appropriate way to wear a mask. Well-fitted mask wearing requires covering both the mouth and nose simultaneously.

Thank you for partnering with us to help keep our students safe and in school.

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