

# Clinton Township Board of Education

*“Where Children Come First”*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are watching the weather for Friday. As always, thank you for your continued support.

***To maintain information, the following is offered:***

- ❖ The District Covid Dashboard is updated weekly. ([Source](#))
- ❖ Currently there are 63 students enrolled in the one week extension of virtual instruction. The virtual instructional platform option will cease January 28, 2022 with the start of the third marking period on February 1, 2022.
- ❖ ***The District is offering a referendum special election for two major facility improvements at no cost to the taxpayers. For more information, click [here](#).***

## **Calendar of Events**

- ❖ January 24, 2022 - CTMS sports and extracurricular activities resumed Monday
- ❖ January 26, 2022 - Early dismissal for students.
- ❖ February 10, 2022 - Preschool Information Night, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom, please [RSVP](#) ([Source](#))  
- Kindergarten Information Night, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, please [RSVP](#) ([Source](#))
- ❖ February 15, 2022 - Parent Forum, 7:00 p.m. at Clinton Township Middle School
- ❖ February 22, 2022 - English Language Learners (ELL) Parent Meeting hosted by Lauren Welch, 6 p.m.

## **Home Instruction**

- ❖ Only students designated for quarantine as per District procedures are eligible for the virtual instructional platform.



## **Updated Information from the NJ Department of Health (DOH)**

- ❖ Continue to keep your child home when they are sick or have any symptoms and contact the school nurse for next steps.
- ❖ New quarantine criteria for close contacts from the NJ DOH will be implemented beginning Monday, January 31, 2022 for students based on the following:
  - Close contacts who **MEET** the criteria to quarantine include:
  - Persons ≥ 12 years old who completed a primary series of COVID-19 vaccine but have **not** received a recommended booster shot when eligible.
  - Persons who are not fully vaccinated (haven't completed a primary vaccine series).
- ❖ If an individual receives a COVID booster when eligible, they will be considered fully vaccinated at the time of receiving the booster and may not have to quarantine based on the criteria for close contacts. Visit the [NJ DOH](#) for more information about vaccines and booster eligibility.

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- ❖ The new NJ DOH criteria indicates that individuals 12 and older must have a [booster when eligible](#) to be considered fully vaccinated and therefore, not meet the criteria to quarantine.
- ❖ The chart below outlines who needs to quarantine and for how long based on other factors. As always, every situation is unique. Please contact your school nurse to report any positive cases or exposures.

**Criteria for Quarantines for Individuals that are identified as a close contact to someone who is COVID positive**

	CLOSE CONTACT FROM EXPOSURE OUTSIDE OF HOME	HOUSEHOLD CLOSE CONTACTS/HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS Use the guidance below to determine quarantine timeframes if you live in the same household of the positive individual.		
CRITERIA for QUARANTINE An Individual.....	Close contact and not in the same household (i.e., school, social, extracurricular, etc.)	Can Isolate from positive individual in the household	Cannot Isolate but can wear masks at home	Cannot isolate AND cannot wear masks at home
<b>MEETS</b> the criteria to quarantine outlined here:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persons ≥ 12 years old who completed a primary series of COVID-19 vaccine but have <u>not</u> received a recommended booster shot when eligible.</li> <li>Persons who are not fully vaccinated (haven't completed a primary vaccine series).</li> </ul> 	Quarantine for 5 days from the last exposure to the positive case. Can return to school on day 6 with strict mask wearing.	Quarantine for 5 days from the last exposure to the positive case. Can return to school on day 6 with strict mask wearing.	The 5 day quarantine starts after the positive case's 5 day isolation period. Quarantine for 5 days. (Day 0 through Day 5 = 6 days + 5 days quarantine = 11 days total)	The 5 day quarantine starts after the positive case's 10 day infectious period. Quarantine for 5 days. (Day 0 through Day 10 = 11 days + 5 days quarantine = 16 days total)
<b>DOES NOT MEET</b> the criteria to quarantine:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persons ≥ 12 years old who completed a primary series of COVID-19 vaccine AND have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people.</li> <li>Children 5-11 years old who completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccine.</li> <li>Persons who had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (positive viral test).</li> </ul> 	No Quarantine Can return to school. Should anyone become symptomatic please keep them home and notify your school nurse.	No Quarantine Can return to school. Recommend to isolate positive case at home, wear masks at home and monitor for symptoms. Should anyone become symptomatic please keep them home and notify your school nurse.		

As per the Hunterdon County Department of Health, current Hunterdon County data is as follows:

- ❖ Steady number of fatalities
- ❖ Steady decline in positive cases
- ❖ Decrease in daily cases dropped to over 100 from over 300 last week
- ❖ Decrease in daily county cases from 563 High in January to January 25 (45)
- ❖ Hospitalizations are decreasing but still a concern
- ❖ 26% positive from testing - not including those utilizing home tests
- ❖ On February 1, children age 12 become eligible for booster

Be well and thank you,

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