

Clinton Township Board of Education

“Where Children Come First”

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Clinton Township School District had an excellent first day back. Our children were engaged and when asked, were happy to return to school. Our administrators, faculty, and staff are focused upon our kids - excellent. Like all regions within the state, our region, Central West, is experiencing an increase in Covid activity. Our district is also witnessing an increase in positive cases. The district dashboard will be updated, as indicated, on Thursday. Our daily debriefing continues to review school and district data in alignment with our continued commitment to a safe school environment.

The weekly NJ Covid-19 Activity Level Report is updated each Thursday. As indicated, the report is one week behind, ergo; that affords our District with limited time to anticipate and make modifications. We are anticipating, based upon current data, that the Central West Region will be in the red this week. Should the region indicate we are red, or “very high,” please anticipate further modifications.

The following observations/information are offered:

- An increase in children being driven to school.
- All buildings report the lunch periods are following established protocols.
- A minimal number of students and staff were sent home today as a result of Covid-compatible symptoms. Thank you for your diligence.
- The school nurses are working to respond to all inquiries and document illnesses and provide return timelines. At this time, due to the influx of students with illnesses and Covid related impacts, inquiries will be responded to within 48 hours.
- Options under consideration during the next two weeks include modifications to the school/district daily schedules (shortened day/no lunch), and under severe circumstances, the implementation of a fully remote instructional platform.
- Transportation is in place.

As offered during the past two updates, all options are under consideration. We will continue to respond to the situation. All contingency plans are in place. All decisions are based upon the unique needs of the Clinton Township School District and based upon specific data. While our district maintains its commitment to in-person instruction, we recognize that there are factors that will impact this goal. We appreciate and understand the challenges this poses to the schools and to the community. In the event of any significant changes, we will give as much notice as possible.

To reiterate, please review the following:

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- charge and keep student devices traveling from home to school each day
- wear a well-fitted mask and bring a spare in a baggie
- note that CDC guidance does not apply to schools and updates are anticipated
- anyone presenting symptoms should stay home
- quarantined students receiving remote instruction will be contacted for start date - As announced and due to staffing respect and preparation, a one-day turn-around is necessary.
- report any illness to the school nurses, including positive case exposure

Thank you for your continued support. We are so fortunate that all our support services, transportation, lunch service, and after-school care continue to support our children.

Be well and thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Johanna S. Ruberto".

Johanna S. Ruberto, Ed.D.

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