



EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear East Greenwich Parents and Guardians,

The New Jersey Department of Health has issued updated guidance regarding isolation and quarantine timeframes. These changes are based primarily upon impact of the Omicron variant. The revised guidelines can be found here: [NJ DOH Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools](#). As a result of this updated guidance, East Greenwich is making the following changes to our quarantine and isolation timeframes:

***Positive students quarantine/isolate for 5 days.** The positive student may return to school on Day 6, as long as he or she is fever-free and symptom-free. When the student returns to school, on Days 6 through 10, the student must continue to wear a mask at recess and while in physical education. If the student has a fever or symptoms have not improved, or he or she is not able to wear a mask at recess and physical education, he or she can continue to isolate up to Day 10 and participate in virtual learning.

***Unvaccinated close contacts quarantine for 5 days.** The student may return to school on Day 6, as long as he or she is fever and symptom free. If symptoms begin during the quarantine, the individual must isolate for 5 additional days beginning on the day symptoms started. Students can continue to participate in virtual learning through the end of isolation.

***Household close contacts need to quarantine for 10 days.** This includes the 5 days of the positive person's isolation, as well as a 5 day quarantine for the close contact. The individual may return to school on Day 11.

***There is no longer an option to "test out" of quarantine early.**

As a result of these changes, we will have a significant number of students returning from quarantine tomorrow:

*Students who tested positive on or before January 7th may return tomorrow.

*Students who quarantined as a close contact or a COVID-19 symptomatic individual on or before January 7th may return tomorrow.

*Students who quarantined as a household contact on or before January 3rd may return tomorrow.

If you have a question regarding your child's quarantine timeline, please contact your child's school nurse. Thank you for your ongoing support of our COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

Sincerely,

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