

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

There is no decision to move to virtual learning at this time. However, this could change rapidly depending on an executive order, a change within our ability to provide staffing, or an official outbreak in the school. In this event, you would be notified accordingly as to the reason and effective start date. If an anticipated end date is determined we will identify that as well.

Please read through this email in its entirety, as it contains important information.

From the Hunterdon County Department of Health:

- Case counts and outbreaks in congregate living facilities are spiking in the county, and we should prepare for impacts on staff and students in the weeks ahead. Shifting to hybrid or virtual learning models may be warranted.
- In the last 7 days, the daily confirmed cases reported in Hunterdon County range between 82 – 315 cases, with an average of 250 cases per day. These are unprecedented numbers for Hunterdon County.
- Based on the number of cases and the increase in outbreaks, it is likely that Hunterdon County will move to the Red/Very High level of COVID activity this week.

We encourage families to have a plan in place in case transition to virtual learning were to happen. A transition to virtual instruction may happen with less than a day's notice. We will maintain in-person instruction to the maximum extent possible but will not jeopardize the health and safety of our students and staff.

Currently, parents may receive emails from teachers regarding **sample** virtual schedules and procedures to help prepare for any transition which may occur. Materials/packets may also be sent home as a pro-active measure. The HTS Health, Safety and Learning Protocols plan identifies the following schedule for virtual instruction:

	Elementary K-4 (30 minutes live instruction/30minutes independent practice)	Upper Elementary/Middle School (@40 minutes live instruction/20minutes independent practice)
HR Attendance Question	7:50-8:00	7:50-8:00
	ELA- 8:00-9:00	CORE 1- 8:00-9:00
	MATH- 9:00-10:00	CORE 2- 9:00-10:00
	SC- 10:00-11:00	CORE 3- 10:00-11:00
	SS- 11:00-12:00	CORE 4- 11:00-12:00
Lunch/Recess	12:00-1:00	12:00-1:00
Special Area (Google Classroom Folders)	1:00-1:45	1:00-1:45
Special Help/Staff Office Hours	1:45-2:30	1:45-2:30

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As of this writing, 68 students are quarantined as close contacts/positive cases. 10 staff are currently quarantined. 37 students are unexcused absent for non-Covid related reasons. These numbers change daily.

As of January 4th, all after in person school clubs, tutoring and sports will be suspended until Monday, January 17th. Club advisors and tutors may choose to offer these activities virtually. Teachers will email parents to arrange this. In person clubs, sports and tutoring will resume on Tuesday, January 18th. The Middle School Activity Night will be rescheduled for February. School picture retakes have been rescheduled for Thursday, January 27th.

Outside building use will be suspended until Tuesday, January 18th.

You may track the State's COVID activity levels here: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/>

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Snyder". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stephanie Snyder
Superintendent

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