

Superintendent Update October 26, 2020

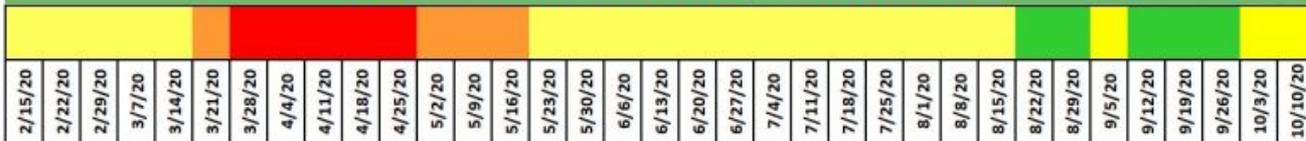


COVID-19 Activity Level Report

New Jersey Department of Health
Communicable Disease Service

Week ending October 10, 2020 (MMWR week 41)¹

COVID-19 Statewide Activity Level Timeline



Region ²	Current Activity Level
Northwest	MODERATE
Northeast	MODERATE
Central West	MODERATE
Central East	MODERATE
Southwest	MODERATE
Southeast	MODERATE
STATEWIDE	MODERATE

Regions:

- Northwest: Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren
- Northeast: Bergen, Essex, Hudson
- Central West: Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset
- Central East: Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Union
- Southwest: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem
- Southeast: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland

Am I at risk?

Guidelines on who should quarantine or isolate for COVID-19

Close contact - any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes.

Quarantine - keeping someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others

Isolation - keeps someone with COVID-19 away from others, even in their own home

Person A - Case



- Person **A** tested positive for COVID-19
- While infectious, Person **A** was in close contact with Person **B**
- Person **A** must **isolate** from others until no longer infectious

Person B -

Contact of a Case



- Person **B** is considered a **close contact** of an infectious COVID-19 person **A**
- Person **B** should **quarantine** (stay at home, practice social distancing and monitor for symptoms) for 14 days

Person C -

Contact of a Contact



- Person **C** was **NOT** in **close contact** with infectious Person **A**
- Unless Person **B** develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, Person **C** is not at increased risk
- No special precautions are necessary



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You were in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Okay, so

NOW WHAT?

You must quarantine for 14 days:
Stay at home, practice social distancing and monitor for symptoms.

During the 14 days :

- If you develop symptoms or test positive – contact your healthcare provider and your local health department.
- If you do not develop symptoms - you can come out of quarantine.

Can I get tested while I'm in quarantine?

Yes but only if you want to or otherwise recommended by your healthcare provider.

Public health officials recommend waiting at least 3-5 days after exposure to be tested for COVID-19.

While in quarantine, I tested negative for COVID-19.

Does that mean I can end my quarantine sooner than 14 days?

NO! COVID-19 virus takes an average of 5 days for symptoms to appear but can take up to 14 days so you may get a false negative test result.

The 14 days of quarantine is crucial because even though you may not be experiencing symptoms and have a negative test result, you can still be COVID-19 infected and therefore infectious to others.

Do your part and help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Wear a mask 
- Maintain social distancing 
- If you are in quarantine, STAY in quarantine for the ENTIRE 14 days.



Hunterdon County Health Department

- *If a positive case is reported to the school after 5:00pm, we recommend an automatic closure/virtual learning for the school for the following day to allow for contact tracing.*
- *If a school is closed/virtual for contact-tracing, all school sports and extra-curricular activities should be cancelled.*
- *Depending on the case, there may be many close contacts, and contact-tracing can take time. We ask for your patience as we interview cases and notify contacts, and the Health Department staff will contact you when contact-tracing is complete.*

Recent CDC Changes

NJ Health Department COVID App

Deadline to Return to In-Person Learning for the 2nd MP

- Wednesday, October 28, 2020
- Please contact your child's Principal if they were 100% remote for the 1st marking period and want to return to in-person learning for the second marking period.
- The second marking period starts on Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Election Day
November 3, 2020

- Full virtual day for PreK-12
- We will be following the same schedule as if students are in person - teachers should be using Zoom to teach their classes
- PreK-2 will be an asynchronous day - teachers should provide PreK-2 students assignments in advance that they should work on for this day and also communicate with parents
 - PreK-2 students that are in person will not be taking a device home for the day

Travel During the Holiday Season

Travel Advisory List

Winter High School Sports

Executive Order 187 - Governor Murphy (October 12, 2020)

- HS winter sports will start practice on Thursday, December 3, 2020. Regular season competition will begin Monday, December 21, 2020, and end on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. NJSIAA will host post-season competition from Friday, February 5, 2021 through Wednesday, February 17, 2021.
- Under the Executive Order, the number of people permitted at a practice or competition will be limited to 25% of the capacity of the room in which the event takes place, with such limit not to exceed 25 persons or be less than 10 persons. However, if the number of individuals who are necessary for the practice or competition, such as players, coaches and referees, is greater than 25 persons, the practice or competition may proceed as long as no individuals are present who are not necessary for the event. If this exception applies, the number of individuals at the event still may not exceed 25% of the capacity of the room or 150 persons, whichever is less.
- We are putting a plan in place for our basketball games to be streamed out to the public due to limitations on spectators.

Winter Middle School Sports

- We plan on running a winter sports season similar to what we did in the fall.
- The season will run from Monday, January 11 - Friday, February 19
- Three days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Friday)
- There will be no games just practice training sessions

Recent Parent Survey

- Results can be found on the district website
- At this time we do not plan on making any changes to our daily schedules for PreK-12.

Program Review

College Planning Process

The successful professionally recognized expert(s) will prepare a work plan and related budget based on the following performance expectations:

1. The professionally recognized expert(s) will work collaboratively with counselors, teachers, administrators, parents and board members.
2. The professionally recognized expert(s) will conduct focus groups with district parents and, where appropriate, students and recent graduates.
3. The professionally recognized expert(s) will write the evaluation report and recommendations.

The timeline for this Counseling Evaluation is as follows:

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| 1. RFP Dissemination | October 5, 2020 |
| 2. Proposal Submission | October 30, 2020 |
| 3. Contract Awarded | November 23, 2020 |
| 4. Initial Meeting of experts | November 30, 2020 |
| 5. Data Gathering | December 2020 - January 2021 |
| 6. Draft Report | February, 2021 |
| 7. Presentation of Draft Report to Curriculum Committee | March 11, 2021 |
| 8. Public Presentation | Spring, 2021 |

Feasibility Study

In my preparation for transitioning into the district as your new Superintendent, I recognized that facilities have been a major topic of conversation over the last several years. The Board of Education and I have begun discussions and realize that both LPS and WAS have major facility issues that need to be addressed sooner than later. On our agenda this evening the board will be approving a feasibility study to be completed by USA Architects to evaluate the LPS site and Ely Field in Lambertville to determine exactly what can and can't be done on the site. We recognize the importance of keeping LPS in the Lambertville community as well as making sure the needs of our West Amwell community are met. We are hoping that the results of this study will be completed by winter break and then eventually presented to the public. The results of this study will shape the direction the board will go in addressing the facility issues at both LPS and WAS.