



# Covid Protocols Discussion

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# Covid Data

# Covid Data (as of 1/18/22)

Since Covid Started	
# of student positives	64
# of students quarantined	149
# of quarantined students that later turned positive	10

2021-22 SY STAFF DATA	
# of staff positives	18 <i>*10 vaccinated</i>
# of staff quarantined	15



# Covid Data (as of 1/18/22)

Additional Data	
# of vaccinated students	46
# of vaccinated staff	66
% students testing positive	24% (64/261)
% staff testing positive	24% (18/75)





# Exclusion Guidelines

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- Guidelines Adopted by NJDOH on 1/10/22
  - **Isolation-** 5 days (day 0 is first day of symptoms)
    - Symptoms improve, isolation can end
  - **Quarantine-** \*5 days (day 0 is first day of exposure)
    - Negative test= return on day 6
    - No test available= return on day 6 (if no symptoms)
    - Fully vaccinated staff/students do not have to quarantine (unless symptomatic).

**Isolation-** Refers to individuals with confirmed or suspected COVID-19.

**Quarantine-** Refers to unvaccinated individuals who were deemed close contacts of a positive Covid-19 case.

**Close Contacts-** Someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. **Exceptions:** In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within **3 to 6 feet** of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.





# Additional Guidelines



# Additional Guidelines/Requirements

- **Masking-** Governor Murphy re-declared a public health emergency, which will continue the mask mandate for schools. The mask mandate will continue for 30 days, unless the Governor extends the public health emergency an additional 30 days.
- **Testing-** All unvaccinated staff are still required to submit to weekly Covid screening testing.





**Test-to-Stay**

# Test to Stay (FTS/UTS)

- We received TTS interim guidance on 1/1/22 we met with a vendor on 1/10/22.
- To be able to have TTS at no cost, we would need to:
  - Guarantee 75 telemedicine visits per month ✓
  - Have one central location (UTS) ✓
- It would take 3-4 weeks to start the program.
- Parents would have to give consent for children to be tested.



# Test to Stay

- **Test to Stay (TTS)**- Combines contact tracing and serial testing to allow asymptomatic school-associated close contacts who are not fully vaccinated and do not test positive for Covid-19 to continue in-person learning.
  - Students should be tested immediately following the notification of being a close contact.
  - After the first negative test result, the student may continue to attend in-person instruction and then submit to testing every other day until the end of the quarantine timeframe with the last test being performed on the final day of quarantine or next school day (if weekend/holiday).
  - If the final test result is negative, no further TTS testing is required; students would be permitted to resume normal activities the day after completing quarantine but should continue to monitor for symptoms through Day 14.





# BOE Discussion



**Thank You**