

# CRESSKILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Mr. Michael Burke**  
**Superintendent**

November 20, 2020

Good Afternoon,

Today, we received two new reports of students testing positive for COVID. The details of each situation are as follows:

- We received notice early this morning of a student that had tested positive in the MS/HS building. Since that child had attended school in-person this week, we needed to quarantine several teachers and students. As a result of these protocols, we could not open the building today for live instruction.

***Since we now have two confirmed cases in the MS/HS that are not related, all Grade 6-12 students will be in a remote setting, returning Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

- We also received notice that a child in Edward H. Bryan School tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing, we determined the building could remain open for live instruction. ***Both Edward H. Bryan School and Merritt Memorial School will be open for live instruction on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.***

In order to facilitate future reporting of COVID cases, we have created separate building-level protocols to report positive cases to our school district. Please contact the school directly by completing the separate link and leaving a voice message at the respective phone number if you, or someone in your household, tests positive for COVID:

**If your child attends EHB:**

- [EHB COVID Reporting Form](#)
- 201-227-7791 x2599

**If your child attends MMS:**

- [MMS COVID Reporting Form](#)
- 201-227-7791 x3599

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**If you child attends CMS/CHS:**

- [MS/HS COVID Reporting Form](#)
- 201-227-7791 x1599

**We ask that you use the contact information listed above even if your child is in an all-virtual setting.** The school district is required to report all positive COVID cases to the New Jersey Department of Education, regardless of whether the student attends live or all-virtual instruction.

Lastly, as a reminder in regards to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, if your family travels to a state or country identified on the quarantine list, your child will need to remain in quarantine and not attend in-person school and afterschool activities for fourteen (14) days. Testing negative for COVID-19, no matter what form of testing used, does not exempt individuals from that quarantine period. We ask that families check the most up-to-date list before traveling:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

We are asking you to inform your child's teacher and building principal if your child will need to quarantine for the weeks following Thanksgiving.

The health and well-being of students and staff will always be the district's highest priority and we thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

Have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Burke  
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