

# *Westampton Township Public Schools*

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Good morning and Happy New Year to everyone!

We all hope that the winter break brought you some peace and enjoyment. As we continue to plan for the second half of the school year, we have several reminders, updates, and requests for you.

## **Reminders**

- The Week of January 4<sup>th</sup> is a full remote learning week for all students.
- Starting Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our 2 cohort schedule for in-person learning. Students who were in hybrid in November will begin coming to school two days per week.
  - Cohorts A and B (Monday and Tuesday) will now come Mondays AND Tuesdays
  - Cohorts C and D (Thursday and Friday) will now come Thursdays AND Fridays
- School times will remain the same. Any changes in schedules will be communicated to you by your school.
- Daily Health Checks through Genesis MUST be done each day that a student is coming to school.
- All pre-school, Kindergarten, and Self-Contained Special Education classrooms will be returning to the 4 day per week schedule

## **Updates**

- The marking period ends on January 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have been remote for the entire year up to this point and wish to change to hybrid, now is the time to contact your school offices.
  - Holly Hills School – [kmumbower@westamptonschools.org](mailto:kmumbower@westamptonschools.org)
  - Westampton Intermediate School – [spruss@westamptonschools.org](mailto:spruss@westamptonschools.org)
  - Westampton Middle School – [kcomegno@westamptonschools.org](mailto:kcomegno@westamptonschools.org)
- If you are currently in a hybrid cohort, but do not wish to return to school in-person next week and wish to change to fully remote, please contact the school offices as soon as possible.

## **Requests**

- If you are on a hybrid schedule and take a bus to school, please check Genesis for any updates to stops and times. In order to combine cohorts, some stops and times needed to change. We ask for your assistance and cooperation with this as it was very challenging making good bus routes under these circumstances. In many cases, stops that were at a student's front door had to change to a common stop to make the route as efficient as possible.

- If you are in a hybrid cohort and your child saw others outside of your immediate household over the holiday break, please make sure that 14 days have passed since that contact before sending them to school. You can contact your child’s school to request being remote and participating from home until 14 days have passed.
- AS OUR COUNTY IS STILL IN THE “ORANGE” OR “HIGH RISK” CATEGORY, it is **critically important** that you do not send your child to school with any symptoms on the daily checklist and that you do not send your child to school if they need a fever-reducing medicine to have a normal temperature. Please understand that, under the current quarantining rules, close contact with a symptomatic individual requires 14 days of quarantine. This could have a devastating impact on our ability to fully staff school, even if we have no positive COVID-19 cases. With very few substitutes available, the loss of staff members to quarantine because they have symptomatic students in their class could cause us to go fully remote, even if we have no positive COVID cases! **PLEASE help us with this!**

We will continue to monitor the situation, keeping in touch with the Burlington County Department of Health and the NJDOH for guidance. We are all in a tough place – “normal” seems to be finally in sight just as the dangers are reaching new highs. We have to all stay vigilant and work together for the health and safety of our entire educational community. Thank you for your continued support.