

Dear Edgewater Community,

I hope this finds you and your family well and you had the opportunity to enjoy time with friends and family during Holiday Break. At this time, we anticipate a return to school in person on January 3rd, 2022.

A few notes as we approach our safe return to school:

- The decision to move a school to remote instruction is not a decision the Superintendent or the Board of Education can make alone. This decision needs to come directly from the Board of Health.
- Over 97% of our staff is fully vaccinated.
- We have less than 1% of positive cases for both students and staff in our schools.
- We will continue to work with the Department of Health to contact trace and keep everyone safe.
- The New Jersey Department of Health updated guidance regarding the quarantining status based on the updated Center for Disease Control Guidance (CDC). **Please be advised that CDC has not yet applied the recently revised isolation and quarantine timeframes for the general population to K-12 schools.** Therefore, until CDC updates school-specific guidance, it is recommended that K-12 schools continue to follow conventional isolation and quarantine timeframes (10-day isolation/exclusion; 7 or 10-day quarantine/exclusion with and without negative testing).
- Please notify the school nurse if your child has tested positive over the break.
 - Yvonne Smogard at GW ~ ysmogard@edgewaterschools.org
 - Loraine Heffernan at EVG ~ lheffernan@edgewaterschools.org
- Please follow this [link](#) for guidance if you have traveled outside of NY, NJ, DE, and Pennsylvania.

Please see the chart below that will be helpful regarding return dates if you have received a positive COVID test or are an unvaccinated close contact.

IF YOUR UNVACCINATED CHILD IS A CLOSE CONTACT		
DATE OF EXPOSURE	RETURN DATE OF NEGATIVE TEST ON DAY 5, 6, OR 7 AFTER EXPOSURE	RETURN DATE NO TEST
December 24	Monday, January 3	Tuesday, January 4

December 25	Monday, January 3	Wednesday, January 5
December 26	Monday, January 3	Thursday, January 6
December 27	Tuesday, January 4	Friday, January 7
December 28	Wednesday, January 5	Monday, January 10
December 29	Thursday, January 6	Monday, January 10
December 30	Friday, January 7	Monday, January 10
December 31	Monday, January 10	Tuesday, January 11
January 1	Monday, January 10	Wednesday, January 12
January 2	Monday, January 10	Thursday, January 13

IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19	
DATE OF POSITIVE TEST OR DATE OF SYMPTOM ONSET	RETURN DATE
December 24	Monday, January 3
December 25	Tuesday, January 4
December 26	Wednesday, January 5
December 27	Thursday, January 6
December 28	Friday, January 7
December 29	Monday, January 10
December 30	Monday, January 10
December 31	Monday, January 10
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January 2	Wednesday, January 12

As we look forward to having students back in our buildings on January 3, 2022, I want to once again express my gratitude to our faculty and staff for their flexibility and dedication to our students. My most sincere appreciation to our community for their diligence in keeping children home when they are sick. Working together will allow us to continue to keep our students in our buildings happy, healthy, and learning. Do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions.

Happy and Healthy 2022 to our Edgewater family!

Sincerely,

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