Dear Edgewater Community,

The COVID Data Tracker has been updated for <u>February 5 through February 11</u>. Our numbers continue to be low. This information can also be found by going to the District website, clicking on "Our District," then "COVID -19 Resources." It will be updated each Friday afternoon.

Presently, Bergen County is in the "moderate" or "yellow" level on the CALI score for COVID transmission. Due to the transmission rate, unvaccinated students that travel outside of NY, NJ, CT, and PA will need to quarantine for five days. If proof of a negative COVID test is provided, the student will be able to return to school on the 6th day. Without evidence of a negative COVID test, students will need to quarantine for seven days and return on the 8th day. Students that are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine after travel.

To provide transparency to the community, the Board of Education will start recording the public session of the Board of Education meetings. In addition, the agenda will be posted on our district website under the Board of Education tab the Monday before the meeting. If you have questions regarding any items on the agenda, please email them to boe@edgewaterschools.org.

As I stated earlier in the week, we are looking for feedback from the community on your comfort level of having optional mask use in our schools. Before a decision can be made and presented to the Board of Education, it is essential that all stakeholders have a voice. Please follow this link to a quick survey. A plan will subsequently be created considering the results of staff and community input and the guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Sincerely,

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