

Public Schools of Edison Township

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Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

There was some discussion last night at our Board of Education Reorganization Meeting during our public comments section that I would like to clarify to ensure everyone has the same understanding.

If a student presently has been identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 positive person, parents should contact the school administration or school nurse to inform them of the close contact. Students will be required to follow up with the PCR test results when received. We acknowledge a high demand for PCR tests and that it may take some time to get a testing appointment; therefore, students will be permitted to participate via remote instruction access while they wait to share the test results with the administration. The close contact notification will begin the remote access to instruction so children are not negatively impacted by the testing delays. Asymptomatic vaccinated students are not required to quarantine as a result of a close contact. Unvaccinated students who are identified as a close contact must quarantine for 10 days and have the option of reducing their quarantine to 7 days with a negative test on days 5 through 7. For those students who have COVID-19, they may return to school after their 10-day quarantine provided they have been fever-free for 24 hours. Remote instruction access will afford students the opportunity to view class instruction synchronously and receive assignments via Google Classroom. Teacher interaction with remote students will be limited by the needs of in-person students. Even with this limited interaction, we believe this remote access is superior to the supplemental instructional format.

We hope this clarifies some expressed concerns for children accessing remote instruction as a result of close contact exposure or positive COVID-19 case. As always, if you have questions please contact your child's teacher, school administrator, and/or school nurse.

Sincerely,

Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D

Superintendent of School