



Nutley Public Schools

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Dear Nutley Staff, Parents and Guardians,

We have been notified by the NJDOH that the COVID-19 Activity Level Report Score for the ENTIRE state of NJ is **ORANGE/HIGH**. This includes ESSEX COUNTY. Therefore, the Nutley Health Department has notified the Nutley public and private schools that COVID-exposed, unvaccinated persons are now, during high/orange or very high/red, to return to quarantine/monitoring for the full 14 days until further notice.

Additionally, testing of teachers and staff who are not fully vaccinated should now occur twice per week. We must return to testing students who are not fully vaccinated, and are participating in close contact, high-risk sports and extracurricular activities. Testing details will be shared separately when we receive that information from our New Bridge Bergen Medical partners.

As a reminder, if you or your child are made aware that you were exposed to COVID-19, outside of the school setting and are not vaccinated, please begin to quarantine as soon as possible. This includes quarantining following a COVID-19 test until you receive your results. The district will continue to administer and accept PCR tests only. The rapid test will not be accepted.

UNVACCINATED SIBLINGS/SPOUSES/LIVE-INS, ETC. OF SYMPTOMATIC STUDENTS AND STAFF NEED TO BE SENT HOME OR STAY HOME UNTIL THE DISTRICT RECEIVES A NEGATIVE PCR TEST RESULT.

If you or your child should develop any symptoms such as fever (100°F) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or other symptoms including fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea, please seek medical attention. **DO NOT REPORT TO SCHOOL.** The State of New Jersey website includes a symptom checker and testing sites: <https://covid19.nj.gov/>. When you or your child are feeling unwell, you must stay home!

There is no change to the current travel guidance. Unvaccinated individuals who do travel, domestically and outside of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, should get tested 1-3 days before their trip and 3-5 days after travel. Even if they test negative upon return, the CDC recommends unvaccinated individuals stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days after domestic travel, and for 10 days if they are unable to test.

Fully vaccinated individuals and those who have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months do not need to get tested or self-quarantine after travel. However, the CDC recommends fully vaccinated individuals self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and isolate and get tested if they develop symptoms.

As always, please continue to wear face masks, socially distance, and use hygiene practices such as frequent handwashing. This will mitigate the risk of COVID 19 spread, allow us to continue in-person operations, and plan for the best structure of educational services to minimize risk to staff and students. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Health Department at 973.284.4976.

Sincerely,