



**Allamuchy Township School**  
20 Johnsonburg Road, Allamuchy, NJ 07820  
908-852-1894

8 January 2021

Dear Families:

Happy New Year to all of you! We hope that the first week back since the holidays has been enjoyable for everyone and that you are staying healthy and safe.

January 19 - We are anticipating a return to the hybrid schedule on January 19. There are three scenarios we would like to share with you so that you can best prepare for yourselves and your family for the next few weeks.

- If the trend in the numbers continues to show stability or a decline (this will be based on the regional data released on January 14, 2021), and we are able to staff our buildings, we will return to the hybrid schedule we utilized before Thanksgiving.
- If the trend in the numbers demonstrates an increase in positive cases that brings us to the upper tier of the "Orange" risk category, we will resume the schedule that was followed in the two weeks after Thanksgiving (Preschool and select classes report to school while the remainder of programs operate with a 100% virtual schedule).
- If the data indicates a large increase in the number of positive cases and a risk of entering the "Red", very high risk category, we will have to continue with the schedule we have been utilizing since December 21, 2020 where all programs will be 100% virtual.

Additional Covid-19 related updates:

- Once students return to school, the health questionnaire must be completed before your child is dropped off at school or picked up by the bus. If your response has not been recorded by 7:45 am, you will receive an alert. If by that point you do not submit the survey and your child arrives at school, you will be required to arrange for your child to be picked up from school. While waiting to be picked up, your child will be brought to the isolation room in the respective school.
- While we are in the high risk category, "Orange", please be advised: If a child attends class with Covid-like symptoms (see below), the class will be placed on quarantine. If you have any questions regarding whether or not you should send your child to school, please call your school nurse. We must work together to reopen our schools and keep them open.
  - At least **two** of the following symptoms: fever (measure of subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose; **OR**
  - At least **one** of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder.
- We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

- Per the New Jersey Department of Health--revised protocols for returning to school after having Covid-like symptoms no longer allow for an alternate diagnosis as clearance for students to return to in-person learning. If your child is demonstrating symptoms, he/she may return to school if:
  - It has been 10 days since the symptoms appeared and the student has been fever free for the past 24 hours without medication, and he/she is no longer displaying symptoms
  - Or, a negative Covid-19 test result can be submitted to the school nurse

As we enter next week, please continue to refer to New Jersey travel guidelines, which can be found [here](#), concerning quarantine protocols. If traveling abroad, please also refer to the CDC travel recommendations by destination which can be found [here](#). Please also continue to notify your school nurse and main office by email prior to your travel to any of the areas on the impacted list(s) so that remote instruction can be organized for your child(ren). Please include your destination and date of return to New Jersey. Also please notify your school nurse of any illnesses in your household.

We will provide another update by Thursday, January 14 concerning the status of our reopening plan. Also today is the last day for families who had chosen the 100% virtual option to alert their building principal that they wish to have their child return for the 3rd marking period.

We look forward to seeing the students return to school. Please enjoy the weekend and please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Allamuchy Administrators