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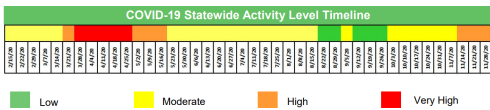
December 4, 2020

Dear Somers Point Families:

At the start of this school year, it was our hope that we could return to a “new normal” that allowed our students to remain in school. However, the ever changing landscape of COVID-19 continues to present new challenges.

As was communicated in a letter on Monday, November 30, 2020, that District learned that our region has been moved to the [“high risk” category](#). This change includes guidance from the NJ Department of Health for K-12 schools to “consider moving to fully remote learning” and/or “increased contact tracing” to include not just people who have tested positive but those who are showing symptoms of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Activity Level Report
New Jersey Department of Health
Communicable Disease Service
Week ending November 28, 2020 (MMWR week 48)¹



Region ²	Current Activity Level
Northwest	HIGH
Northeast	HIGH
Central West	HIGH
Central East	HIGH
Southwest	HIGH
Southeast	HIGH
STATEWIDE	HIGH

COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI)				
	Case Rate ³	Percent CLI ⁴	Percent Positivity ⁵	CALI Score ⁶
Northwest	39.98	7.12	11.74	3
Northeast	33.58	7.62	9.85	3
Central West	27.73	6.87	8.81	3
Central East	33.30	6.99	9.80	3
Southwest	42.93	7.18	11.50	3
Southeast	26.97	2.81	9.51	3
STATEWIDE				3

The majority of our reported positive COVID-19 cases have been contracted outside of school. Unfortunately, this pandemic continues to spread, daily adjustments have occurred due to positive cases, close contacts needing to quarantine, and other factors out of the District’s control.

In consultation with the Board of Education and the Atlantic County Department of Health, **it has been determined it is best to move our students to all remote learning effective Monday, December 7, 2020 until Friday, January 15, 2021.** We have made this decision out of concern for our students, staff, and community members.

We anticipate hybrid students returning to school on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. This date for return allows for the two weeks immediately following the New Year to be remote learning and for a 14-day period of quarantine. As this is a fluid situation, families should be ready in the

event this timeline needs to be extended.

FOOD PICK-UP DURING REMOTE LEARNING

TUESDAYS from 1-3 PM at Dawes Avenue and Jordan Road	THURSDAYS from 4-7 PM at Dawes Avenue and Jordan Road
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The pivot to all-virtual learning will require your child to follow the same daily schedule, using the virtual tools that they are accustomed to when learning remotely. More information will be forthcoming regarding the service of our special needs population from the Supervisor of Special Education.

We will continuously monitor the status of COVID-19 to ensure a safe and healthy re-opening of our schools. Please feel free to contact me, your building administration, or your school nurses with any questions or concerns that you may have. We encourage you to check both the website and social media pages for updates on this unfolding situation. We want to thank our families, staff and community for their support and partnership during this challenging and unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

STOP THE SPREAD	
<p>WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY</p> <p>Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.</p>	<p>MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING</p> <p>Maintain at least 2 meters (6 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.</p>
<p>AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH</p> <p>Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth.</p>	<p>IF YOU HAVE A FEVER, COUGH AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING, SEEK MEDICAL CARE EARLY</p> <p>Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance.</p>
Source: World Health Organization	