

COVID Policies 2023-2024 School Year

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, North Caldwell has strived to protect the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. We will continue to use a layered approach of preventive measures to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. While many of our procedures and protocols will look like last school year there have been some changes. Please be aware that everything is subject to change based on the evolving directives and recommendations from the CDC, New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), State Mandates, and our local Board of Health. The following is an overview of the changes in procedures and key areas of operations for the upcoming school year:

Illness and Isolation

Positive For COVID-19 and Symptomatic:

- Stay home and isolate for 5 days. (Day 0 is the first day of symptoms)
- Return to school on Day 6 if fever free for 24 hours and symptoms have begun to resolve
- No test required to return to school
- Masks optional days 6-10

Positive for COVID-19 and Asymptomatic:

- Stay home and isolate for 5 days (Day 0 is the day of the positive test)
- Return to school on Day 6 if continue to be asymptomatic
- No test required to return to school
- Masks optional days 6-10

Quarantine

- Quarantine is no longer recommended for people who are exposed to COVID-19.
- No “test to stay” after exposure required

Remote Instruction:

- There will be no option for live streaming when students are isolating

Prevention Measures

- **Please keep children home if they are feeling unwell and/or exhibiting any of the following symptoms compatible with COVID-19: fever, headache, cough, sore throat, and/or runny nose.** What we have learned over the past two years of the pandemic is that this is **one of the most effective means of minimizing the transmission of COVID-19**
- Personal hygiene will continue to be encouraged. Hand sanitizers will be provided in the classrooms and school corridors.

Masks

- Masks will continue to be optional. Regardless of your individual decision about wearing a mask, please continue to respect each individual's choice.

Health Screening:

- Parents will complete a single attestation at the beginning of the year to indicate that they will monitor their children for symptoms on a daily basis and not send a child who is sick to school. The form is available in the Genesis Parent Portal