

# WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear West Essex Families,

Our passionate and dedicated staff members are excited to welcome back our students for **in-person learning on Monday, December 14**. Please refer to the [WERSD Daily Calendar and Bell Schedules](#) for the remainder of this month.

We remain committed to keeping our schools open in the safest way possible; however, in order to sustain building operations, we need responsible behaviors to extend beyond the boundaries of our campus. As I have emphasized in previous notifications, the need for full cooperation and adherence from our entire school community is critical, and we need everyone to observe the following measures and guidelines **whether your child attends in-person learning or is fully remote**:

- Monitor your health for symptoms.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Keep your child home if he/she or an immediate household member is exhibiting symptoms, waiting for test results, or has a positive COVID-19 test, and notify your school nurse.
- Follow the [CDC Hand Hygiene Recommendations](#).
- Limit social gatherings and adhere to all [State guidelines](#).
- Practice social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart).
- Wear a face covering while in school and outside of school when applicable.
- Cooperate with school and health officials.
- Avoid unnecessary travel (notify nurses if travel is required).

With that said, we will continue to review the [New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Activity Level Report](#). Our Northeast Region (Bergen, Essex, and Hudson) remains in the [High Risk](#) category; therefore, we will continue to operate under enhanced protocols to work cooperatively with our local, county, and state health officials and follow the recommendations as indicated in the [NJDOH Guidelines](#).

Again, thank you for your support and cooperation, and should circumstances change for any reason, I will provide that information as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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