

THE ASBURY PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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# SUPERINTENDENT'S BLUE BISHOP BULLETIN

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*“Truth is proper and beautiful in all times and in all places.”*

*By Frederick Douglass*

Asbury Park School District Community:

*I would greatly encourage you to visit our district website for the most up-to-date information. As we ready ourselves for the full-time, in-person return, we have consistently provided you with updated information from Governor Murphy, who will likely announce addition recommendations in the coming weeks After he makes an announcement, the New Jersey Department of Education shares directives designed to guide school districts.*

*The first day of classes for students is Thursday, September 9, 2021. Students will be in school for a half-day session while staff will be in session for the entire day, with professional development in the afternoon. My upcoming message on the District website provides details about screening for students and staff, and lunch upon our return to school.*

*Today, we welcome many of our administrators and many clerical staff, whom I hope enjoyed very well-deserved vacations. All of our building administrators have been steadily working and will share the specific details for your child's school expectations in their back-to-school letters.*

*Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. The world continues to cope with the pandemic, yet we have identified various, effective ways to mitigate its impact. We will continue to promote getting yourself vaccinated as that is the safest and most effective way to keep your friends and families safe and to improve public health.*

*The chart contents below rely on guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health and the Monmouth County Health Department. As such, all topics included are subject to revisions based on State and/or local health COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI) and executive order(s).*

*Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's building principal. As we move closer to starting a new school year, the APSD plans to return to a full day of in-person instruction for 2021-2022 as mandated by Governor Murphy on June 28, 2021, updating Executive Order 175. Please review the guidelines in the Road Forward document posted on the NJDOE website.*

*To prepare, the Asbury Park School District has developed its Safe Return Plan that fully complies with the governor's mandates and guidelines. All students will be following a full-day schedule based on each student's grade level.*

<b>Frequently Asked Questions</b>	<b>Current information as of 8/13/2021</b>
Masks	Required for all students, staff, and visitors indoors
Social Distance	3 feet were possible
Instruction	A full day of classes
Field Trips	Limited
Assemblies	Limited
Cohorts	Structured groups for lunch and recess
Cleaning and Sanitizing Practices	Continue as scheduled
Staff/Student Health Screening	Daily temperature screening and students and staff with COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and contact their doctor and the school nurse.
COVID-19 Positive students and staff	Quarantine for 10 days, 24 hours fever free, and consultation with the school nurse for students and district nurse for staff
Quarantine after COVID as a close contact exposure <b>Unvaccinated Student/Staff</b>	10 days; 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days; 24 hours' fever-free; consultation with School Nurse
Quarantine after COVID-19 exposure for <b>Fully Vaccinated Student/Staff</b>	No quarantine; fully vaccinated students/staff should be tested between days 3-5 days after exposure; monitor symptoms
Quarantine for <b>Fully Vaccinated Student/Staff</b> after domestic travel outside of NJ, NY, CT, PA, and DE or any international travel	No quarantine; contingent upon proof of full vaccination status for international travel, proof of negative test within 3-5 days of return required for work/school entry
Quarantine for <b>Unvaccinated Student/Staff</b> after domestic travel outside of NJ, NY, CT, PA, and DE or any international travel	Follow CDC guidelines a per Board Policy
Students/Staff with COVID-19	Based on the level of consistent symptoms, School Nurse

compatible symptoms in school	and/or Administration will advise staff or parent/guardian (for students) to seek testing before return to work/school is granted
COVID- 19 Tests	A PCR or rapid test that is lab certified is an allowable measure to trace COVID-19. Home test kits for COVID-19, which are not certified by a lab, are not permissible tests for return to school or work.
Instruction for COVID Positive Students and/or NJDOH COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria (NJDOE August 11, 2021 Memo)	Virtual learning will be provided to an individual student by Home Instruction, groups of students, or entire classes excluded from school due to COVID positive status, COVID exposure, or COVID symptoms pending testing. Day 1 of virtual learning will be asynchronous. Day 2 will begin live, virtual instruction. The APSD will provide virtual learning during the quarantine only as per regulations.
Instruction Due to Quarantine for elective domestic travel outside NJ, NY, CT, PA, DE, or any international travel	Quarantine days will be counted as a student absence/sick day. Asynchronous and/or Google Classroom assignments will need to be completed for credit.