

Good afternoon,

I hope all of you had a great weekend and got a chance to enjoy the warmer weather. Unfortunately, our Covid Numbers continue to rise. Because of this Berkeley Heights was moved back to “orange” and we have been directed by the Department of Health that all first contacts must now quarantine for 14 days. This was increased from the previous guidance of 10 days because of the severity of our outbreak. You may contact the Department of Health at 908- 518 - 5620 if you have any questions. I encourage everyone to continue to be responsible and wear masks. If we are going to move all the schools to Plan A in April, we need to reduce the number of cases within the town.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank our nursing staff. They have done, and continue to do incredible work contacting parents, students, and staff as part of the district’s contact tracing effort. This is in addition to their daily efforts keeping our students safe and healthy. We all should be incredibly grateful to them for their hard work and dedication to the safety of everyone in the district.

Understanding that everyone needs to plan for the week after Spring Break, the entire district will be in full remote for the week of April 5th, due to many of our staff taking this time to travel and keeping with New Jersey’s current quarantine guidelines. If the Governor changes the quarantine restrictions, I will revisit this decision and inform you immediately of any changes.

Our Covid Update:

<b>New Cases (since 3/12 update)</b>		
<b>School</b>	<b>Staff/Student</b>	<b>Result</b>
Woodruff	1 Student	Last day in School 3/8 No in-school exposure
MP	1 Student	Last day in School 3/11 Close contacts notified
MKM	2 Students	No in school exposure
TPH	1 Student	Last Day in School 3/9 Close contacts Notified
GLHS	1 Student	No in school exposure
GLHS	1 Staff	Last day in school 3/12 Close contacts notified

Sincerely,  
Dr. Melissa Varley