



Howell Township Public Schools

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Dear Members of the Howell Township Public Schools Community:

Happy New Year! I truly hope that the winter break provided everyone the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. I further hope that you were able to do this in a safe and healthy manner and that you all remain well. As you are aware, we have seen a spike in COVID-19 positive cases and we all must continue to work collaboratively to keep our schools safe and healthy places for our students and staff. Please be advised that the Howell Township Public Schools will reopen on Monday, January 3rd for full day instruction. While we all want to see our schools stay open and continue to serve our students, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to mitigate the spread of this virus. It is critically important that students who are feeling ill or symptomatic remain home and do not enter the school community. If your child is symptomatic or has tested positive, we ask that you please contact your school nurse and/or building administration via email.

The CDC has recently updated their guidance relative to quarantines and isolation. The New Jersey Department of Health has notified us that this guidance is meant for the general public and does not apply to the school setting. Therefore, there are no changes to the district exclusion practices at this time. However, we are researching a “test to stay” protocol that will allow us to keep healthy students in school. We will continue to keep the community updated when we receive school-specific guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health regarding the CDC’s recommendations for the school environment.

We are certain that the uptick in cases will further exacerbate the recent staffing issues that we have been experiencing in all areas of our school district. We anticipate continued transportation delays and substitute shortages within our school buildings. As always, we will continue to work tirelessly to meet the needs of our students, and we respectfully request your continued partnership and patience during these complex times.

May 2022 bring happiness and health to all!

Be Well,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Isola".

Joseph Isola
Superintendent of Schools