

January 5, 2022

Glen Ridge School Community,

The District appreciates the cooperation we have received from parents as we continue to manage the pandemic. There were a high number of Covid cases that occurred during the December break. The schools, especially the nurses, are spending a significant amount of time on various situations related to the pandemic. Below is an update on the number of cases and clarification of several procedures.

Being back in school on Monday provided the first opportunity to get an accurate number of Covid cases that occurred during the break. Every day individuals return to school as their quarantine period ends. We are closely monitoring the number of new cases and their impact on school operations.

School	Covid Cases on Monday	New Cases on Tuesday
Central	5	0
Forest	16	1
Linden	9	2
Ridgewood	29	3
GRHS	90	7

Live Stream Instruction

Live-stream instruction will only be provided to students who are absent due to testing positive, symptomatic and waiting for PCR testing results, and close contact quarantines. The building administrator will approve Live-Stream in consultation with the school nurse. Typically, students at RAS and GRHS can start live-stream instruction the day, while the primary schools will need 24 hours to set up instructions for their students.

Students quarantined for travel-related purposes or staying home out of their own abundance of caution will receive asynchronous lessons. The classroom teacher will communicate the assignments with the student or parent.

Students who are absent for non-Covid-related reasons should contact their teacher about missed assignments.

CDC Quarantine Guidelines

On December 27, the CDC released updated quarantine guidelines for the general public. The updated guidelines **do not apply** to schools. The CDC is working on new quarantine guidelines for schools. Once released, the NJDOH will review the guidelines and adopt them in part or whole. The District will communicate any changes to the quarantine rules.

The situation in the schools remains fluid. I have been in contact with the school physician and the local health director about our current status. The number of cases and available staff will be reviewed for the next two days. A decision about next week's schedule will be communicated before the end of the week.

Parents are encouraged to reach out to their building principals or school nurse if they have questions relating to the pandemic or the district's protocols.

We appreciate the parents' patience and understanding during this time.

Stay Healthy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.