



**Office of the Superintendent**

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Glen Ridge School Community,

The District appreciates the cooperation we have received from parents as we continue to manage the pandemic. This school year has operated under more normal conditions, but there have also been a few obstacles relating to the pandemic. Below are several updates regarding the pandemic.

**Travel Restrictions**

The local, county, and state Departments of Health continue to inform school districts to implement travel restrictions for unvaccinated students and staff. With several breaks occurring in the upcoming months, please review the travel restrictions.

**Unvaccinated Individuals (Domestic & International Travel):**

- Unvaccinated individuals may get a **PCR test** 3-5 days after domestic travel and return no earlier than **Day 7** with a negative test result.
- Negative PCR tests must be provided to the school nurse prior to returning to school.
- Unvaccinated individuals who do not get tested must self-quarantine for 10 days after domestic travel.
- The travel quarantine does not apply to NY, PA, and DE or for trips less than 24 hours.

Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past three months and recovered do not need to quarantine or get tested again during that three-month period as long as they do not develop new symptoms (must provide laboratory confirmed test results).

[☰ CDC Domestic Travel Chart](#)

**Please contact your child’s school nurse if your child will need to be under a travel restriction quarantine.**

**Virtual Days**

Schools districts are limited in their ability to use virtual days when there are emergency closings. Districts may only use virtual days if the district is closed for three or more consecutive days for a State of Emergency or a declared health emergency.

**New Jersey CALI Report**

Our region’s numbers have been encouraging for the past few weeks as we remain at the Moderate Risk Level. The most recent CALI report, [CALI Report](#), has one of the indicators in the Low-Risk level.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Case Rate</u> | <u>Percent CLI</u> | <u>Percent Positively</u> |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|

|              |       |      |      |
|--------------|-------|------|------|
| September 11 | 14.15 | 3.97 | 4.68 |
| September 18 | 13.69 | 4.17 | 4.09 |
| September 25 | 12.81 | 4.74 | 3.68 |
| October 2    | 10.14 | 4.16 | 3.04 |
| October 9    | 9.63  | 3.62 | 2.72 |

Levels: Low Moderate High Very High

### **GRPS Quarantine Numbers**

Below is updated data on the quarantine and Covid-19 cases in our district. Individuals are quarantined because of close contacts, travel restrictions, and doctor orders. There have been several cases where one Covid case has led to a significant amount of individuals being quarantined. The district collaborates with the local Department of Health to determine individuals that need to be quarantined.

We recognize the frustration parents feel and the inconvenience of child care when their child must be quarantined. We want the students in school but must ensure that we provide a safe learning space for our students and staff.

### **Weekly**

| Oct 10-16    | Quarantine | Covid |
|--------------|------------|-------|
| Central      | 1          | 0     |
| Forest       | 27         | 2     |
| Linden       | 1          | 0     |
| Ridgewood    | 17         | 4     |
| High School  | 0          | 0     |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | 46         | 6     |

### **School Year**

| Year to Date | Quarantine | Covid |
|--------------|------------|-------|
| Central      | 3          | 0     |
| Forest       | 112        | 13    |
| Linden       | 16         | 0     |
| Ridgewood    | 100        | 13    |
| High School  | 10         | 1     |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | 241        | 27    |

Additional health updates can be found on the District's webpage, [District Health Updates](#), and at the NJ Department of Health, [NJDoH School Guidelines](#).

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".