



Waterford Township
School District

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Waterford Township School District continues to monitor the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic and how it potentially could impact the health and safety of our school community. The administrative team, school nurses, and Department of Health have been closely monitoring the rise in COVID-19 cases throughout Camden County. We also continue to follow all recommended safety and hygiene protocols, including those issued in today's Executive Order No.192 from the Governor. Although Waterford Township School District has not had any confirmed in-person cases to date, we have been preparing for the possibility of our region shifting from the yellow/moderate risk category to the orange/high risk category, and the significant impact that will have on our school community and district operations.

The [COVID-19 Regional Risk Matrix provided in the New Jersey Department of Health Guidelines](#) establishes requirements for K-12 School Districts. The difference between a yellow/moderate risk and orange/high risk is the increase in mandatory quarantines for anyone with COVID-like symptoms (even without a confirmed positive). That being said, if our region moves to the orange/high risk status, there is a strong possibility that we will need to shift to all remote learning.

Although the region is currently in a yellow/moderate risk, we are preparing student materials and technology deployment should a change in risk status occur in the coming weeks. If you have not already indicated a need for a device, please be sure to complete the technology survey ([click here](#)) that was sent out on October 27th by 10am tomorrow.

The purpose of this letter is not to alarm or create panic, but to provide you with an important update. The district will NOT be shifting to five days in person for PK/K on November 9th. As always, we will keep you informed of the changing risk status and how it might impact our school community.

Respectfully,

Dr. Brenda Haring
Superintendent of Schools