



# STAFFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know, there has been an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in Ocean County and in the region. You may also be aware of some Ocean County school districts transitioning to remote learning through the holiday season. This is very much a local decision, based on local circumstances within a community.

We have worked hard to create environments at each school that would provide for as much in-person instruction as possible. Our goal has been to keep our schools open to the greatest extent possible while not compromising health and safety. Each time a new case of COVID-19 is identified, we take time to investigate and contact trace with the Ocean County Health Department to determine the course of action.

We will continue to monitor all pertinent information available from the New Jersey Department of Education and are in constant correspondence with the Ocean County Health Department. At this time, we are going to continue with our current model and operate our schools as safely as possible for our students, staff, and their families. **Please know we are assessing the uptick trend, which is currently "High Risk". In the event we enter the "Very High Risk" level, we will pivot to remote learning districtwide for all schools. Please be prepared for this possibility and make arrangements as necessary for childcare. In the event we move to remote learning, more information will follow.**

Please visit the links below for more information in regards to where we stand.

[COVID-19 Activity Level Report](#)

[New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools](#)

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority.

Very truly yours,

George J. Chidiac  
Superintendent of Schools