

# Egg Harbor Township

## Road Forward

February 23, 2021



# COVID - 19 UPDATE (2/23/21)

**District Cases:** Positive cases last 14 days (students/staff): 15

**Current Quarantine due to positive case/close contact:**

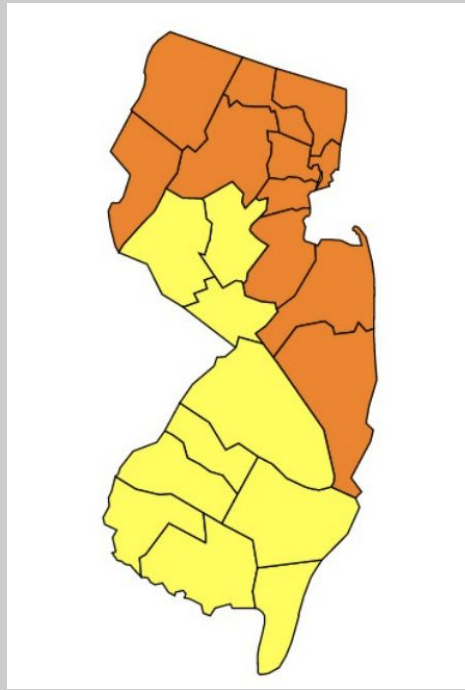
Staff: 23    Students: 127

**County Status:** Yellow

**Governor Murphy Updates:** Increased indoor/outdoor capacity

**NJSIAA:** Winter/Spring Sports Guidance -Increased Allowance for Fans

**Dashboard:** 376 Total Student/Staff Cases (9/2020 - Present)



# Data, Data and The Road Back to the Road Forward!

**June:** NJDOE Road Back to School Restart and Recovery Plan

**July:** Stakeholder Meetings through the month → July 28th Town Hall Meeting

**August:** Submission of EHTRBS plan ---> Combination Virtual and In-person/Q &A

**September:** Opened School September 8th All virtual/ Phased in SE and PK

-Awaited PPEs, Ventilation, Contact Tracing, Professional Development

**October 26:** Hybrid Model - Virtual and Cohorts A/B In-Person

**November 30:** Pivoted to All Virtual due to increased cases

**January 19:** Return to Hybrid Model

**February 23:** Transition to the Road Forward

# Timeline of Communications



## 1. EHT Timeline and Status Update

- 8/4/20: 2020-2021 School Year Survey Letter
- 8/19/20: Superintendent Communication - All Virtual District Notice for September 2021
- 10/16/20: Superintendent Communication - Hybrid In-Person Instruction
- 10/26/20: Daily Health Screening Parent Letter
- 11/3/20: Parent Letter: Health Reminders
- 11/24/20: Superintendent Communication - All Virtual District Notice
- 12/17/20: Parent Letter: Student Covid-19 Reporting
- 1/11/21: Superintendent Communication - Hybrid In-Person Requests
- 1/29/21: District Pandemic Team Meeting and new EHT Health Affirmation Letter
- 2/1/21 - 2/12/21: School Pandemic Team Meetings
- 2/3/21: Covid-19 Vaccination Letters
- 2/11/21 - 2/19/21: Superintendent Communication - Hybrid In-Person Requests
- 2/12/21: Superintendent Communication - Mask Update
- 2/22/21: Superintendent Road Forward Letter
- Week of February 22nd: School District Survey to ALL parents through Infinite Campus
- Week of 3/1/21: New in-person students begin and new health affirmation letters sent.

## 2. [Superintendent Updates/Letters](#)

## 3. [Superintendent Board Reports/Videos/Newsletters](#)

# Mission and Vision

## Embrace - Engage - Educate

**Mission Statement:** Our mission in the Egg Harbor Township School District is to embrace families and their students to provide a safe, rigorous, and relevant learning experience while students are engaged and educated to become responsible for their own learning.

### **District Learning Goals for 2020-2021:**

To build a culture and climate that embraces, engages and educates individual students and their learning needs.

**Improve Student Achievement:** Prioritize Literacy for ALL; meet the social and emotional learning needs of individuals; create innovative learning experiences with STREAM education.

**Support Climate, Culture and #EHTPride:** Administrators, teachers, students, parents and community members will support positive learning environments, where all are recognized and rewarded for achievement, progress, good character, work ethic and a respect for diversity. We will continue to expand our school environment to focus on cultural proficiency and ensuring equity in our schools.

**Expand Community Partnerships:** Reach out to the community by creating partnerships and cultivating relationships with all stakeholders.

# Research and Guidance

NJDOE RBS: [Restart and Recovery Plan: The Road Back](#) (linked)

- Academic Supports, Health and Safety, Technology, Transportation, Food Services, HS/MS/ES Scheduling, Facilities, Athletics/FPA, Virtual Teaching and Learning
- NJDOH Checklist

NJDOH: [Updated January 19, 2021](#) (linked) ACDPH: Work with local districts on contract tracing and reporting

CDC:

- COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools

Medical Professionals:

- Dr. Petrucci, District Physician
- Dr. Trivedi and Gemma Downham, AtlantiCare

NJDOE:

- [Engage, Recover, and Reimagine Education in New Jersey: The Road Forward](#) (linked)
- Commissioner Broadcasts

# Pandemic Response Team Meetings

## School-Based:

Eight school-based pandemic team meetings comprised of school administration, school staff, parents and students (at the secondary level) Were held over two weeks in February.

## Feedback/Themes:

- Models for more in-person learning
  - Alternating Cohorts: Group A in-person 5 days while Group B is virtual, then switch
  - Combine Cohort A/B (possible schedule changes; eating lunch in classrooms...)
  - AAABB & AABBB
  - 4 Days in-person, with 1 day virtual
    - Phase in elementary school, followed by the secondary level (i.e. screen time for elementary students)
  - Identify and transition RtI students (i.e. 504's, attendance issues, academic issues) to 5 day in-person instruction.
  - 5 Days in-person adhering to 6ft. Social distancing (this may include the use of physical barriers when social distancing in the classroom is not possible.
- Challenges servicing both in-person students and virtual students (live streaming)
- PPE



## District Level:

District Administration, School Administration, Board Members, EHTEA and EHTPSA Presidents, District Physician, AtlantiCare Physicians/Staff

## **Change -Process/Data/How**

## **Factors for Change -Considered in Planning**

- CDC Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Mitigation
- Orange to Yellow/Moderate Risk
- COVID-19 positive cases in our District
- ABSENCE of high/moderate levels of linked transmission occurring in our schools.
- Governor changes on capacity allowance
- Absence of rapidly accelerating community transmission
- Social Emotional Impact on Students
- Student Performance Data
- \*\*The plan can and will be impacted if these factors change.

# THE ROAD FORWARD



# Proposed Revisions to EHT RBS Plan to include Increased In-Person Learning

## 4/1 Model

Combining Cohorts (A/B) - with 6 feet of Social distance to greatest extent practicable

4 Days in-person - Abbreviated Days; Same School Schedules;

1 Day Virtual

T.A.L.O.N.S and ASPIRE open

\*All Virtual Option



# Proposed Plan to Expand In-Person Learning

|  | Monday   | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|---|-----------|----------|--------|
| Groups A and B                                   | Synchronous - “Live” Virtual Learning Day for All Students | In-Person Instruction                   |           |          |        |
| Group V (all-virtual)                            | Synchronous - “Live” Virtual Learning Day for All Students | Virtual Instruction through Google Meet |           |          |        |
| Group C (PreK/Self-Contained & Special Programs) | In-Person Instruction                                      |   |           |          |        |

# Proposed Revisions to EHT RBS Plan to include Increased In-Person Learning

## Student Options:

**In-Person Learning:** Student will attend in-person where adherence to 6 feet social distancing, to the greatest extent practicable, will occur. In areas where we cannot adhere, additional PPE will be provided. Students are **committed to attending school in-person**; will be marked absent when they do not. Virtual model can only be used for sickness and/ or quarantine. (Parent- School Communication is vital)

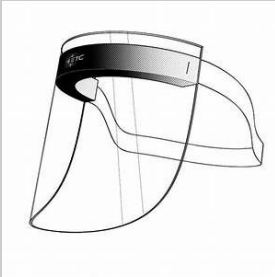
**Virtual Learning:** Student learning from home via Google Classroom and Google Meet for live teacher instruction. The Virtual learning option is being provided pursuant to [Executive Order 175](#)

- Virtual learning students will still have the ability to fully participate in live streamed teacher instruction, which includes: whole group instruction, mini-lessons, collaboration through breakout rooms, small group instruction and the completion of formative assessments and learning activities.
- This choice reflects **a commitment to virtual instruction** pursuant to Policy 1648.02, which will allow for one additional window to transition to in-person instruction at the conclusion of the 3rd quarter in April. We are building our plan regarding social distancing to the greatest extent practicable, other recommended mitigation strategies, and providing ppe, which are all affected by the number of students in any particular classroom, therefore we need precise numbers to plan.

# Additional PPE and Mitigation

PPE and physical barriers do not preclude one from Contact Tracing-

- Removal of unneeded furniture from classrooms
- Face shields for secondary (6-12) students
- Sanitizer
- Spray/paper towels and Wipes where needed
- Desks facing one direction
- Desk Shields for elementary (PK-5) students



# Timeline\*\*

**February 24th - February 28th:** Parent Survey - Will Be Closed

**March 1st - 3rd:** Review data. Make contact

**Week of March 8th:** Teacher and Bus Rosters

**Week of March 15th:** Finalize bus passes and any needed changes

**Week of March 22nd:** Monday - virtual; Tuesday - Friday - In person

**April 2nd - 11th:** Spring Break

**April 12th:** Administrative Discussion about a possible *next phase*

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Parent/Guardian Survey is Mandatory

**EHT School District Survey via the Parent Portal**

In-Person? Or Virtual?



# **Importance - Teamwork to keep ALL SAFE!!**

**Mask Wearing - Nose, Mouth, close to the face**

**Social Distancing - 6 feet or more when practicable**

Hand Hygiene- wash / sanitize frequently

No Touching of the Face

Do Not Come to school/work sick - as per policy

Complete Staff Daily Health Form

Know Travel Restrictions

Be Aware of Quarantining Procedures

