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# **Lacey Township School District**

## **Phase II & III School Reopening Expansion: Advancing to 5-Day Instruction**

**February 18, 2021**

# Restating Our Commitment to Health and Safety

## To Create a Plan:

- That is **SAFE**;
- That meets the **MANDATES** of the NJ Restart and Recovery requirements;
- That is **RESPONSIVE** to our community's needs;
- That is **FEASIBLE** within the constraints of our facilities, space and resources.

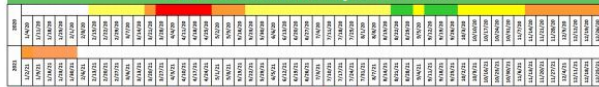
# Where We Are NOW - State Conditions

## Week Ending January 30



**COVID-19 Activity Level Report**  
New Jersey Department of Health  
Communicable Disease Service  
Week ending January 30, 2021 (MMWR week 4)<sup>1</sup>

### COVID-19 Statewide Activity Level Timeline



Low Moderate High Very High



Region <sup>2</sup>	Current Activity Level
Northwest	HIGH
Northeast	HIGH
Central West	HIGH
Central East	HIGH
Southwest	HIGH
Southeast	HIGH
STATEWIDE	HIGH

### COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI)

	Case Rate <sup>3</sup>	Percent CLI <sup>4</sup>	Percent Positivity <sup>5</sup>	CALI Score <sup>6</sup>
Northwest	37.87 <span style="color:red">●</span>	5.47 <span style="color:green">○</span>	9.79 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
Northeast	37.15 <span style="color:red">●</span>	6.46 <span style="color:green">○</span>	9.69 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
Central West	28.91 <span style="color:red">●</span>	5.19 <span style="color:green">○</span>	7.09 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
Central East	42.47 <span style="color:red">●</span>	7.16 <span style="color:green">○</span>	9.95 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
Southwest	31.32 <span style="color:red">●</span>	4.58 <span style="color:green">○</span>	8.30 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
Southeast	37.19 <span style="color:red">●</span>	2.16 <span style="color:green">○</span>	10.63 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
STATEWIDE				3

## Week Ending February 6



**COVID-19 Activity Level Report**  
New Jersey Department of Health  
Communicable Disease Service  
Week ending February 6, 2021 (MMWR week 5)<sup>1</sup>

### COVID-19 Statewide Activity Level Timeline



Low Moderate High Very High



Region <sup>2</sup>	Current Activity Level
Northwest	HIGH
Northeast	HIGH
Central West	MODERATE
Central East	HIGH
Southwest	MODERATE
Southeast	HIGH
STATEWIDE	HIGH

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Northwest	26.79 <span style="color:red">●</span>	4.23 <span style="color:green">○</span>	10.22 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
Northeast	27.11 <span style="color:red">●</span>	5.92 <span style="color:green">○</span>	9.68 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
Central West	22.47 <span style="color:red">●</span>	4.83 <span style="color:green">○</span>	7.22 <span style="color:green">○</span>	2
Central East	33.15 <span style="color:red">●</span>	6.48 <span style="color:green">○</span>	9.81 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
Southwest	22.02 <span style="color:red">●</span>	4.36 <span style="color:green">○</span>	7.20 <span style="color:green">○</span>	2
Southeast	34.58 <span style="color:red">●</span>	1.81 <span style="color:green">○</span>	10.49 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
STATEWIDE				3

## Week Ending February 13

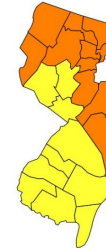


**COVID-19 Activity Level Report**  
New Jersey Department of Health  
Communicable Disease Service  
Week ending February 13, 2021 (MMWR week 6)<sup>1</sup>

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Northeast	28.65 <span style="color:red">●</span>	5.23 <span style="color:green">○</span>	8.33 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
Central West	21.42 <span style="color:red">●</span>	3.40 <span style="color:green">○</span>	6.42 <span style="color:green">○</span>	2
Central East	31.99 <span style="color:red">●</span>	5.29 <span style="color:green">○</span>	8.86 <span style="color:green">○</span>	3
Southwest	17.66 <span style="color:red">●</span>	3.32 <span style="color:green">○</span>	6.33 <span style="color:green">○</span>	2
Southeast	24.03 <span style="color:red">●</span>	1.37 <span style="color:green">○</span>	8.01 <span style="color:green">○</span>	2
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Current data demonstrates a decrease in the COVID-19 Activity Level throughout NJ and specifically, Ocean County

# Health and Safety Remain Our Top Priority

From “The Road Back” - the NJ DOE Restart Guidelines:

*“Socially distance classrooms to the maximum extent possible....Where such physical distancing is not feasible or difficult to maintain, protective measures such as physical barriers between students and arranging seating such that all individuals face the same direction can help reduce transmission.”*

We will continue to follow the guidance provided by the NJDOH to include the following mitigating steps as necessary and appropriate:

- Individual quarantines
- Entire class quarantine
- Individual school closure
- Returning to A/B Hybrid Cohort Model of Instruction

## March 8, 2021

- **LTHS and LTMS** transition to 5-day in-person instruction.
- Students will follow the same hourly schedule as we have under the A/B Hybrid model.
- Lunch will still be offered as a grab-and-go.
- Social distancing requirements will be maintained to the greatest extent practicable.

# Phase III- All Students 5 Days a Week / 4 Hours per Day

**March 22, 2021**

- **MPS, CCS, LHS, and FRS** transition to 5 day in-person instruction.
- Students will remain in their assigned cohorts for the entire school day, limiting interaction between different groups of students.
- The **entire school district including high school and middle school** will pivot to a 4 hour school day mirroring the existing early dismissal schedule.
- Lunch will be offered as a grab-and-go in all buildings.
- Social distancing requirements will be maintained to the greatest extent practicable.

# 4-Hour Early Dismissal Schedule Beginning March 22, 2021

High School- 7:05-11:05

Middle School- 7:30-11:30

Mill Pond- 8:00-12:00

Lanoka Harbor- 8:25-12:25

Cedar Creek- 8:50-12:50

Forked River- 9:15-1:15



# Why We Are Beginning with the Middle and High School?

- The current student population of the in-person students at the High School and the Middle School allows us to quickly transition to 5 day instruction without altering current schedules and procedures.
- High School and Middle School are currently using a grab-and-go lunch distribution system.
- Social distancing requirements are easier to maintain at the Middle and High School levels.
- Regularly scheduled required Google Meets will supplement the daily High School and Middle School schedule.

# Elementary Return

- Group A and Group B students will begin **in-person learning for 5 days a week starting March 22.**
- School times will be shortened to follow a 4-hour early dismissal schedule.
- Lunch will transition to grab-and-go at the end of the day and will include the next day's breakfast.
- Each student will be provided a desk shield, which is illustrated in the photo.



# Why Can't We Have Full Days for In-Person Instruction?

- **Lunch**

- If we offer a full day of school, we are required by the state to offer **in-school** lunch.
- Under the state's current executive orders, schools are limited to the number of students who can be in one space eating lunch.

- **Busing**

- Due to the schedule required to make our multi-tiered busing system work, all of our schools need to operate on the same number of hours.
- We will follow the early dismissal schedule (as described in previous slide).

# How do we make this transition successful?

- Continue to follow all health and safety guidelines including wearing a mask at school.
- Stay home if you or anyone in your house is sick with COVID-like symptoms.
- Communicate with the school nurse immediately if you or anyone in your household is told to isolate or quarantine due to Covid-19.

# Summary of Timeline for Implementation

**Monday, March 8 - Middle School and High School begin transition**

**Monday, March 22 - All elementary schools begin transition**

- These start dates will be **dependent on continued monitoring of COVID cases in district and any updated health guidelines**. This timeline provides time for schools, transportation, and food services to prepare for changes.
- We will be sending parent surveys soon so families can select 5-day in-person instruction or full remote.
- This timeline provides time for schools, transportation, and food service to prepare for a successful implementation.

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**Thank you for your continued support!**

**We are in this together.**