<div align="center">**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**</div>

When should masks be required?
Masks must be worn any time a social distance of 6' cannot be maintained, such as hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria, or when leaving the desk area within the classroom.

When can they be removed?
In the DOE document it does state that in a classroom setting where social distancing can take place (e.g., desks are 6 feet apart) or physical barriers are in place, face coverings can be removed while students are seated at desks but should be worn when moving about the classroom. Please note and confirmed with the State Department of Health, The "barrier" would not affect the close contact definition. Essentially the barriers do not provide a zero-risk solution or fully protect, so they do not replace the need to maintain 6 feet of separation between individuals when possible. So similar to that fact that someone within 6 ft. of a confirmed case for longer than 10 minutes even though that student or teacher is wearing a mask would still be considered a close contact.   However, we can't promise this won't change*. **NJ State Health guidance is being worked on based on new CDC guidance just released. Will keep you posted***

Can a face shield be used in place of a face mask?
- The CDC does not recommend that a face shield be used in place of a cloth face mask.
  https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#face-shields

What is quarantine?
Quarantine: Separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. A person who is quarantined is advised to:
- stay at home until 14 days after the last contact with the positive case
- check temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of Covid-19
- stay away from people who are at higher-risk for getting sick with Covid-19.

What is isolation?
Isolation: Separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick. A person who is isolated is advised to stay at home:
- until at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
- at least 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication **and**
- symptoms have improved

What is considered an exposure?
If a person is within 6' of a confirmed Covid-19 case for longer than 10 minutes they would be considered exposed and would be a close contact

In a classroom setting what would be considered a close contact?
A close contact is any student/staff that has cone within 6' of a confirmed positive case for ten minutes or more.

Will the school administration be notified if a student/staff tests positive for Covid-19?
NJ law requires the investigation of all reportable communicable diseases including COVID19. With every positive COVID19 case, initial contact with the individual is done as soon as possible by the Local Health Department where the case-pt resides. During the course of this interview, attempts are made to collect information about the case-pt's course of illness and exposures, which would generally include where the case-pt may have been exposed and where they potentially exposed other individuals. Following NJ Dept of Health guidelines, information obtained here will subsequently dictate our next course of action including contact tracing, additional education, **and notification of appropriate individuals or entities.** Due to HIPPA confidentially laws, the Division of Public Health is not permitted to reveal the person's identity however the administration most likely will be contacted in order to provide information regarding any close contacts.

What role will the school play in contact tracing?
The Division of Public Health will conduct the investigation, however the school may be asked to provide additional information regarding close contacts of the positive case. Usually this happens thru the school nurse.

Should school nurses be trained in contact tracing?
The Division of Public Health is not requiring that school nurses be trained for contact tracing however for more information on the training see below:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/contact-tracing-resources.html
https://www.coursera.org/learn/covid-19-contact-tracing?edocomorp=covid-19-contact-tracing
https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/contact-tracing/what-is-contact-tracing-how-does-it-stop-the-spread-of-covid-19

What requirements are needed for clearing students to return to school either after isolation/quarantining or students sent home due to displaying symptoms?
Refer to the school physician for guidance on policy to readmit

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

Is it 6 feet social distancing with or without a mask or 3 feet with or without a mask?
In general, the closer, longer, and more frequent the interaction between students, teachers and staff, the higher the risk of respiratory droplets being passed between people. Therefore, CDC recommends keeping a distance of at least 6 feet from other people. In situations where maintaining 6 feet is difficult, face masks should be worn.

How long should we expect to wait for an employee to get test results? (we have reports of anywhere from 24 hours to 2 weeks)
It is not possible to give a time frame. Length of time is dependent on the ability of the lab to process specimens and enter it into the Communicable Disease Registry database.

Who will notify people who were exposed and what does that notification look like?
The Atlantic County Division of Public Health is the lead agency. Notification and investigation will be conducted by phone.

Is the "contact of a contact" idea still the prevailing wisdom? If a teacher has a household member that was exposed to a positive individual, they should still come into work until the household member tests positive or becomes symptomatic?
Yes, the household member that was exposed to a positive case should be quarantined but the "contact of the contact" may continue to work unless they develop symptoms.

What is the guidance on temperature checks and daily heath surveys? Is temperature check mandatory?
For guidance, see links below. Temperature checks are not mandatory, they are just one tool used for screening.
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/parent-checklist.html