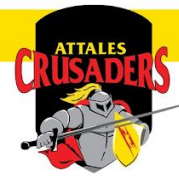




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## An Important Health Message to the Absecon School Families October 14, 2020

Per the NJ Department of Health (NJDOH), the COVID-19 transmission risk level has increased from low to moderate for our area. See NJDOH/CDC Weekly Activity Reports [HERE](#). In response, our district is following the recommendations from the NJDOH and the CDC related to *school exclusions*.

1. Please notify your child's school if anyone in your household, or close contacts (less than 6 feet; longer than 10 minutes), are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have been diagnosed with COVID-19. You will be contacted by the School Nurse regarding further instructions which will include exclusion information, as appropriate.
2. Students who present with the below symptoms must **NOT** report to school. Contact your school to report the absence and a school nurse will contact you. Those who present with the below must be *promptly isolated from others and excluded from school for **at least 10 days from the first onset of symptoms***:
  - Have at least **ONE (1)** of the following:
    - o Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of smell or taste*
  - OR**
  - Have at least **TWO (2)** of the following symptoms:
    - o Fever of 100.4 or higher, chills, rigors (shivering), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose*
  - NOTE:** Returning to school BEFORE the 10 days will require proof of a COVID-19 Test (PCR Test, Not Rapid Test) with NEGATIVE results and also fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) and improvement in symptoms.

### REMINDERS:

- ✓ **"COVID-19 Daily Screening"** – Continue to use the screening to determine when to stay home from school (District Homepage under Covid-19). Report your child's absence and symptoms.
- ✓ **TRAVEL outside of New Jersey** – If a student has traveled to an area of high community transition, they are required to remain home for 14 days from the date returned to NJ. Check the below links PRIOR to travel.
  - o [NJ Travel Advisory List](#) – For US States*
  - o [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination](#) – Outside of US*

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