

Moonachie Public Schools

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Sunday January 2, 2022

Moonachie Families & Friends-

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a restful Winter Break, remains healthy, and are excited to welcome in new opportunities for growth in 2022.

First – the Robert L. Craig School is still anticipating to be OPEN for Normal Instructional Hours on Monday January 3rd, 2022.

As we plan to re-open, here are important updates & reminders.

CDC Update on Quarantine/Isolation (Does NOT apply to NJ Schools)

On December 30, 2021 the NJ Department of Health provided an update related to isolation and quarantine timeframes for schools. That update included:

“CDC has not yet applied the recently revised isolation and quarantine timeframes for the general population to K-12 schools. Therefore, until CDC updates school-specific guidance, it is recommended that K-12 schools continue to follow conventional isolation and quarantine timeframes (10-day isolation/exclusion; 7 or 10-day quarantine/exclusion with and without negative testing). Watch for future updates as guidance may change in the near future.”

Students Who Tested Positive or Exposed Over Winter Break

If between the dates of **Thursday, December 23rd - Sunday, January 2nd** your child has:

- Tested positive for COVID-19; **OR**
- Is unvaccinated and resides with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19; **OR**
- Is unvaccinated and a close contact of anyone with COVID-19; **THEN...**

We ask that you report the positive case or exposure to Mr. Knipper (jknipper@moonachieschool.org) and Nurse Gallo (dgallo@moonachieschool.org), via **email and include** the following:

- date of exposure;
- the date of symptoms;
- proof of the positive test result (if applicable);
- and vaccination status.

If your child falls in any of these categories, **DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY MORNING**. Monday January 3rd, will be a traditional absence.

Once the case is reported, we will activate virtual learning for your student. This will be organized on Monday and be available to begin on Tuesday, January 4th for your student. At this time, virtual learning is only available to those who fall within the categories noted above.

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Additionally, we will provide your child's date of return. This will be based on the most up-to-date guidance provided by the NJ Department of Health and NJ Department of Education.

Visitation

Effective January 3, 2022, school visitors will be limited to appointment only. No one, outside of staff and students, will be permitted to enter any part of the building. If a child forgets something or needs materials that were left at home, unless essential, those items can be left home. If an item must be brought to school, please ring the front bell and talk to the secretary. This staff member will tell you where the item can be left. A staff member will pick up and deliver the item once left in its proper location. Please be sure to label any item being dropped off with your child's first and last name.

All Early Dismissals will be conducted outside. A secretary will bring the sign-out book outside and your child will be delivered directly to the front door.

YMCA After School Programming

YMCA After School Programming will be open. As always, the YMCA program follows all guidelines for schools.

MYMEDBOT

Please remember to complete the MYMEDBOT Symptom Screener each morning. While this may have become a robotic part of your morning, it is important in these times of increased COVID spread, that we all take an extra moment to assess our child's symptoms and report them accurately each morning.

Bussing

As COVID-19 continues to impact all areas of our lives, bussing is not immune to this fact. These workers are essential to school operations and must follow all guidelines for quarantine/isolation as well. Please anticipate delays as, I am sure, workforce is low. We appreciate your understanding and patience each day.

Please remind your student to keep his/her mask on while on bus.

Calling In Absences

When you call to report an absence and leave a voicemail, the more information you can provide, the better. Please provide specific symptoms and reasons for his/her absence.

Reminders:

- The school continues to observe 6-feet of social distance in classrooms and common areas.
- Increased sanitation protocols and Ventilation continues.
- Masks must be worn at all times.
- Recess and P.E. Class is conducted outside, as much as possible.

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- Lunch is still served in classrooms, to avoid large gatherings in the cafeteria.
- Students and staff should wash their hands regularly.
- Notify the school of a positive test result as soon as possible.
- Vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine for contact, as long as he/she is not experiencing symptoms.
- Students continue to remain in their classrooms, with teachers traveling.

As you know, **the situation is changing moment by moment** and I will provide you with information if there is a change.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue to address this ever-changing environment. Further updates will be provided as necessary.

Sincerely,

James Knipper
Superintendent/Principal