

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Glen Rock Staff, Students and Parents,

According to the [NJ DOH COVID-19 Activity Level Index \(CALI\)](#) our region remains in the orange or high phase. As such, we are required, per the [New Jersey Department of Health recommendations for K-12 schools](#) pages 13-14, to quarantine “close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 compatible symptoms for 14 days from date of last contact, or until ill individual tests negative for COVID-19.”

This past Wednesday the Restart Committee met and discussed the following:

- Winter sports and use of indoor facilities
- K-5 instruction for students that are quarantined, tested positive for COVID-19 and/or have COVID-19 symptoms. Elementary principals will communicate with parents of affected children regarding options.

The Board of Education is committed to keeping schools open through January 22nd unless circumstances dictate otherwise, such as changes in the CALI score, NJDOH guidance or our ability to properly staff the schools. The decision to remain open for the week of January 25th will be communicated out no later than Thursday, January 21st.

In addition, it is critical that parents do the following:

- Complete the daily COVID-19 questionnaire form each morning prior to sending your child to school. This includes taking your child’s temperature at home. Our nurses are unnecessarily spending an inordinate amount of time calling parents of those that fail to complete the daily questionnaire for their children.
- Under no circumstances should parents send their child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms. As the district is in the CALI Orange zone, we are required to quarantine any student or staff that comes into close contact with someone

who is symptomatic. While the vast majority of symptomatic students do not test positive, it negatively impacts the education of their peers and puts an undue burden on staff. Simply stated, if your child is sick or symptomatic please keep them home.

The Board of Education is committed to maintaining in-person instruction that ensures the health and safety of students and staff. We are doing our best and understand that education this year looks much different than before. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during these difficult times. We are one day closer to normalcy.

We are Glen Rock Schools!

Be well,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett Charleston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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