

# 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. Even though we are no longer required, per the [New Jersey Department of Health recommendations for K-12 schools](#) pages 13-16, Glen Rock Schools will continue 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.”

Please be advised that all schools will reopen for in-person instruction tomorrow, Friday, February 5th, 2021. We received word today from the Chief of Police that “there is no reason school cannot resume in person instruction” for tomorrow. As such, we are excited to welcome back students and staff after this longer than anticipated closing.

The Board of Education is committed to keeping schools open through February 12th 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 after we return from President's Day weekend will be communicated out no later than Thursday, February 11th.

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 shared above, we will continue 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 appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during these difficult times.

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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