

# GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Glen Rock Staff, Students and Parents,

After consulting with the school doctor, local Board of Health and the Bergen County Department of Health, effective Wednesday, February 17th, 2021, per the [New Jersey Department of Health recommendations for K-12 schools](#) pages 13-16, Glen Rock Schools will no longer quarantine “close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 compatible symptoms for 14 days from date of last contact, or until the ill individual tests negative for COVID-19.”

In addition, this will be the last weekly update regarding keeping schools open for the following week. Schools will remain open unless circumstances dictate otherwise, such as changes in the CALI score, NJDOH guidance or our ability to properly staff the schools. Decisions to close schools will be immediately communicated to parents and staff as needed.

In addition, it is critical that parents continue to 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. Though we are no longer quarantining any student or staff that comes into close contact with someone who is symptomatic, we will still send home anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and require them to get a COVID-19 negative test prior to returning to school. Simply stated, if your child is sick or symptomatic please keep them home.

Finally, please be aware of the [NJ Travel Advisory](#) and the [CDC After You Travel](#) guidelines as indicated on page 4 of the New Jersey Department of Health Recommendations for K-12 Schools, especially if you plan to travel over the Presidents' Day break. Glen Rock Schools will follow the CDC guidelines for quarantining. Students who travel should be tested for COVID-19 with a viral test and quarantine for a full 7 days, even if the test is negative. Those who choose not to get tested must quarantine for a full 10 days. Please contact your child's building principal or school nurse should you have any questions regarding out of state travel.

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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