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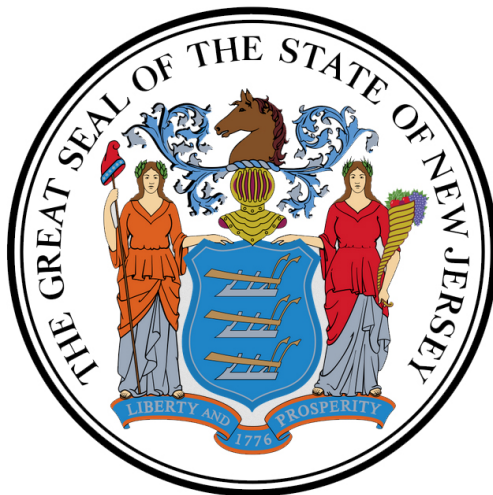
**September 2021**



CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
CONTROL AND PREVENTION



# COVID-19 Guidance Information



# Staying Home When Sick/Exposed to COVID

Providing students and team members a safe learning environment is our top priority. Students and team members should stay home if they:

- Have tested positive (viral test) for COVID-19
- Have pending COVID-19 test results
- Are sick
- Are not fully vaccinated and have had close contact\* with a person with COVID-19 in the past 14 days

# Exclusions From School

Parents should not send students to school when sick. For school settings the NJ Department of Health recommends that students with the following symptoms be promptly isolated from others and excluded from school:

- At least **two** of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose; **OR**
- At least **one** of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder

# Exclusions From School

## Tips for symptom checking

- Recognize your symptoms
- Visit a pediatrician/doctor if you believe your symptoms are illness related
- Get tested if you are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 and have suspicion you may have COVID
- Stay home while COVID test results are pending



Source: Mayo Clinic

## SYMPTOM COMPARISON

	COVID-19	FLU	ALLERGIES
Cough	✓	✓	—
Fever	✓	✓	
Muscle aches	✓	✓	
Tiredness	✓	✓	—
Sneezing	Rare		✓
Sore throat	✓	✓	Rare
Runny/stuffy nose	✓	✓	✓
Nausea/vomiting	—	—	
Shortness of breath	✓	✓	
Diarrhea	—	—	
Loss of taste or smell	✓	Rare	—

— Sometimes    ✓ Common

# Exclusions From School – Close Contact

\*A **close contact** is defined by the CDC as someone who was less than 6 feet away from infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinical diagnosis) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes).

- This definition **excludes students in K-12 classroom settings or structured outdoor settings where mask use can be observed** who were between 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinical diagnosis) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.
- **This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.**

# Exclusions From School – Close Contact (cont.)

## Close contact (cont.)

- Fully vaccinated persons who have close contact with someone with COVID-19 **do not need to be excluded** from school if they are asymptomatic but should be referred for testing 3-5 days after exposure.
- Individuals who **have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days** who have close contact with someone with COVID-19 and are asymptomatic **do not** need to be excluded from school and **do not** need to be tested.

# Exclusions Criteria for Persons with COVID-19, COVID-19 Compatible Symptoms and Close Contacts

Union County is currently designated **ORANGE**, which indicates there is a High Risk of COVID transmission. Below are the exclusions based on being in an orange designated region

Exclusion Type	High Risk Exclusion Protocol
<b>COVID-19 positive</b> (viral test), symptomatic or asymptomatic	Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria  Identify and exclude school-based contacts for <b><u>14 days</u></b> from last exposure and report to local health department.
<b>COVID-19 – compatible symptoms</b> but <b><u>not tested</u></b> for COVID-19	Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria
<b>COVID-19 – compatible symptoms and Negative COVID-19 test</b> (viral test) <sup>1</sup>	Exclude individual through 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve
<b>Close contact</b> of staff or student with COVID-19	Close contacts of a COVID-19 case who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for <b><u>14 days</u></b> from date of last contact

<sup>1</sup> Symptomatic individuals with high likelihood of COVID-19 (for example, who are close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases) who test negative by rapid antigen test should undergo confirmatory testing with a molecular test (for example RT-PCR)



# Sports and Extracurricular Activities

Due to increased exhalation that occurs during physical activity, some sports can put players, coaches, trainers, and others who are not fully vaccinated at **increased risk** for getting and spreading COVID-19. Close contact sports and indoor sports are particularly risky. Similar risks might exist for other extracurricular activities, such as band, choir, theater, and school clubs that meet indoors.

Students should refrain from these activities when they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and **should be tested**. The district is working with the City of Elizabeth, who has provided its resources to make COVID screening available to students in sports and extracurricular activities.

In general, the risk of COVID-19 transmission is lower when playing outdoors than in indoor settings.



# Flu Shots Information



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## IT'S TIME TO BEAT THE FLU.



*¡Es la hora de vencer la gripe!*

**FREE FLU SHOTS  
VACUNAS GRATIS  
POR LA GRIPE**

**Linden  
9/23, 5–8pm**

Wheeler Park

**Roselle  
9/30, 5–8pm**

Abraham Clark High School  
122 East 6th Ave

**Plainfield  
10/7, 5–8pm**

Cedar Brook Park

**Summit  
10/14, 5–8pm**

City Hall, Whitman Room  
512 Springfield Ave

**Roselle Park  
10/21, 5–8pm**

Casano Community Center  
314 Chestnut St

**Hillside  
10/28, 5–8pm**

Hillside Community Center  
274 Hillside Ave

**Rahway  
11/4, 5–8pm**

Rahway Recreation Center  
275 East Milton Ave

**Springfield  
11/18, 5–8pm**

Chisholm Community Center  
100 South Springfield Ave



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### IMPORTANT/IMPORTANTE

Masks required  
Appointments  
strongly encouraged

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# COVID Testing Information



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## FREE COVID-19 SALIVA TESTING

OCTOBER HOURS  
WEDNESDAY 5-8PM SATURDAY 10AM-2PM  
STEPHEN SAMPSON CENTER  
800 ANNA STREET

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY YOU WILL REGISTER ON SITE USING YOUR  
SMARTPHONE

NO EATING, DRINKING OR CHEWING GUM 30 MINUTES BEFORE ARRIVAL

for information call (908) 820-4731

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## FREE COVID-19 TEST

SEPTEMBER HOURS  
THURSDAY 3PM-7PM  
ERXLEBEN RECREATION CENTER  
513 RICHMOND ST

PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE AND PHOTO ID REQUIRED

NO CO-PAY, NO PAY

PRE-REGISTER TO AVOID LONG LINES

VISIT: [tinyurl.com/3czt25t2](https://tinyurl.com/3czt25t2)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE

UNINSURED WILL BE TESTED AS WELL  
WITH A PHOTO ID



Make My Vaccine Vial.com

**DocSpot**  
WALK-IN  
URGENT CARE

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HORAS DE OCTUBRE  
MIÉRCOLES 5-8PM Y SÁBADO 10AM-2PM  
STEPHEN SAMPSON CENTER  
800 ANNA STREET

NO ES NECESARIA UNA CITA, SE REGISTRARÁ UTILIZANDO SU TELÉFONO  
NO COMER, BEBER NI MASTICAR CHICLE 30 MINUTOS ANTES DE LA LLEGADA

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Elizabeth, NJ

NECESITAS IDENTIFICACION CON FOTO  
NO NECESITAS SEGURO O MEDICO, SI TIENE PRUEBA, TRACIALO  
SIN COPAGO, SIN FACTURA  
VISIT: [tinyurl.com/3czt25t2](https://tinyurl.com/3czt25t2)  
O ESCANEA EL CODIGO QR



LOS NO ASEGURADOS TAMBIEN SERAN EVALUADOS  
CON IDENTIFICACION

**DocSpot**  
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URGENT CARE





MONSIGNOR JOÃO S. ANTÃO  
SCHOOL NO. 31

The image shows the upper portion of a school building. The left side has a light-colored concrete facade with the school's name in raised letters. A red horizontal band runs below the name. To the right, a brick section of the building is visible, featuring several windows.

# School 26 and 27 Remediation Update



DR. ANTONIA PANTOJA  
SCHOOL NO. 27

The image shows the corner of a school building with a red brick facade. The school's name is mounted in large, raised, dark-colored letters. A white horizontal band runs along the top of the brickwork.

# School 26 and 27 Remediation Update

At the present time, Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 @ 31 and Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 are projected to open in December.

However, the timeline is dependent on the availability of equipment and the replacement of parts.





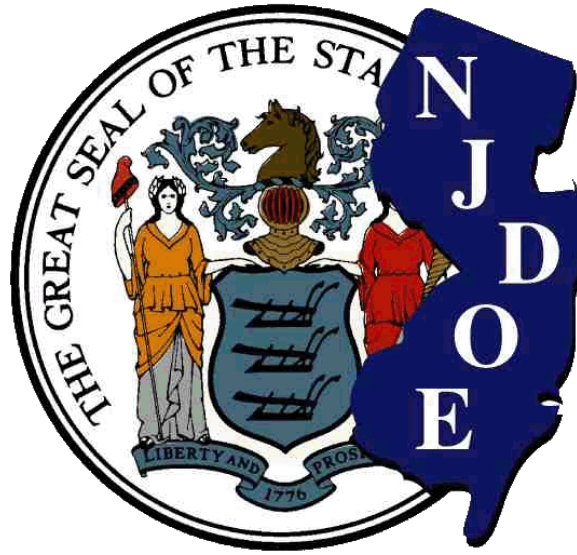
# Displaced Families Update



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Among the families that were displaced as a result of the damage caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ida are 408 students who attend Elizabeth Public Schools. The following provisions have been made by the district to accommodate the needs of these displaced students so they may continue their education:

- School uniforms have been provided by the district
- Charter bus transportation to and from school
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) services



# State Assessments Update



# Start Strong Assessments

## Start Strong Assessments

On April 6, 2021, the United States Department of Education (USED), recognizing that “we are in the midst of a pandemic that requires real flexibility,” informed the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) that the administration of Start Strong assessments in fall 2021 will satisfy the federal statewide assessment requirement to administer general assessments in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science for the 2020-2021 school year. This flexibility shall apply only to the 2020-2021 school year, and the Start Strong assessments in fall 2021 will be used in lieu of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) that were scheduled to be administered in spring 2021.

# Start Strong Assessments

## Start Strong Assessments

Start Strong Fall 2021 is intended to:

- Produce information that should be used as a standards-based complement to the resources used by educators in their classrooms to evaluate the needs of students.
- Be administered quickly and provide immediate results.
- Meet federal flexibility for the 2020-2021 school year associated with the administration of general English language arts (ELA)/mathematics/science assessment, including public reporting of school-level results disaggregated by subgroup.

# Start Strong Assessments

## Start Strong Assessments

Start Strong assessments are based on prior-year academic standards. They are available in:

- English language arts (ELA) grades 4-10;
- Mathematics grades 4-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II; and
- Science grades 6, 9, and 12.

Each Start Strong assessment is designed to be administered in approximately 45-60 minutes to an entire class or grade level and will provide immediate results.

# Start Strong Assessments

## Start Strong Assessments Schedule

NJ Assessment administration window: September 13 – October 22, 2021

	ELA	Math	Science
Grades 4-5	September 24	September 27	NA
Grades 6-8	September 22	September 23	September 30 (Gr. 6)
Grades 9-12	September 28	September 29	September 30 (Gr 9, 12)

- Students who are absent during their scheduled test will have make-up tests administered **during the week of October 18**
- Students who enter their school after their grade level was administered the Start Strong Assessment will be administered their Start Strong Assessments **during the week of October 18**

# Start Strong Assessments

## Start Strong Assessments

### Start Strong Assessment Results:

- Expanded reporting to provide additional details on the Individual Student Report (ISR), with information about the student's score and what it means
- Individual Student Reports from the Start Strong assessments will provide parents and guardians with information on key areas in which students may need additional supports at the start of the school year.
- The reports provide a starting point for parents and guardians to have conversations with their students' educators at the beginning of the school year.
- Early conversations about where students may need additional supports in the 2021-2022 school year will help parents and guardians monitor student progress throughout the school year, as their students receive instruction and academic supports.



# New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment

## New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment

- New Grade 11 Assessment
- Assessment Schedule
  - Test Dates: March 14, 2022 – March 18, 2022
  - Make-up Dates: March 21, 2022 – March 25, 2022

More details to follow

# High School Graduation Assessment Requirements

## Classes of 2023-2025 High School Graduation Assessment Requirements

	English Language Arts
First Pathway	New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment
Second Pathway*	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 9</li><li>• SAT Critical Reading</li><li>• SAT Evidence-based Reading and Writing Section</li><li>• SAT Reading</li><li>• ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading</li><li>• ACCUPLACER WritePlacer/ESL</li><li>• PSAT 10 Reading/PSAT/NMSQT Reading</li><li>• ACT Aspire Reading</li><li>• ASVAB-AFQT Composite</li></ul>
Third Pathway*	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for English Language Arts

\*This pathway is only available to students who completed the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11.

# High School Graduation Assessment Requirements

## Classes of 2023-2025 High School Graduation Assessment Requirements

	Mathematics
First Pathway	New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment
Second Pathway*	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NJSLA/PARCC Algebra, Geometry, or Algebra II</li><li>• SAT Math</li><li>• SAT Math Section</li><li>• SAT Math Test</li><li>• ACT or ACT PLAN Math</li><li>• ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra</li><li>• Next Generation ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS)</li><li>• PSAT 10 Math/PSAT/NMSQT Math</li><li>• ACT Aspire Math</li><li>• ASVAB-AFQT Composite</li></ul>
Third Pathway*	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for Mathematics

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