

Superintendent's Winter Edition

Bulldog Briefing

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Upcoming Dates/Events

- TC Lane Building Only Virtual Town Hall - January 13, 2021, from 1-2 pm
- School Closed for MLK Holiday - January 18, 2021
- January Regular Board Meeting - January 19, 2021 at 6 pm
- January Administrative Council Meeting - January 21, 2021
- Projected return to in-person learning - Thursday, February 18th

Meals for the Week of Jan. 4th

Students Served:
2,250

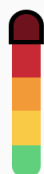
Meals Served:
24,051



Happy New Year Bridgeton Team!

On Friday, we notified our community that we will remain 100% remote at least through **February 16, 2021**. This decision was made based on the high rates of COVID-19 transmission throughout the Cumberland County community. When we brought back students for in-person instruction on October 13th, Cumberland County was averaging ten COVID-19 cases a day. Today, we are averaging 100 cases a day. As of Friday, January 8th, Cumberland County had reached "severe outbreak status." While we want all students to return to in-person classes as quickly as possible, our first priority is the safety of our students and staff.

Cumberland County, NJ



COVID RISK LEVEL

Severe outbreak

Cumberland County is currently experiencing a severe outbreak. Take all possible precautions to avoid exposure.

DAILY NEW CASES

● **96.4** PER 100K

Very dangerous number of new cases

INFECTION RATE

● **1.17**

Active cases are rapidly increasing

POSITIVE TEST RATE

● **15.0%**

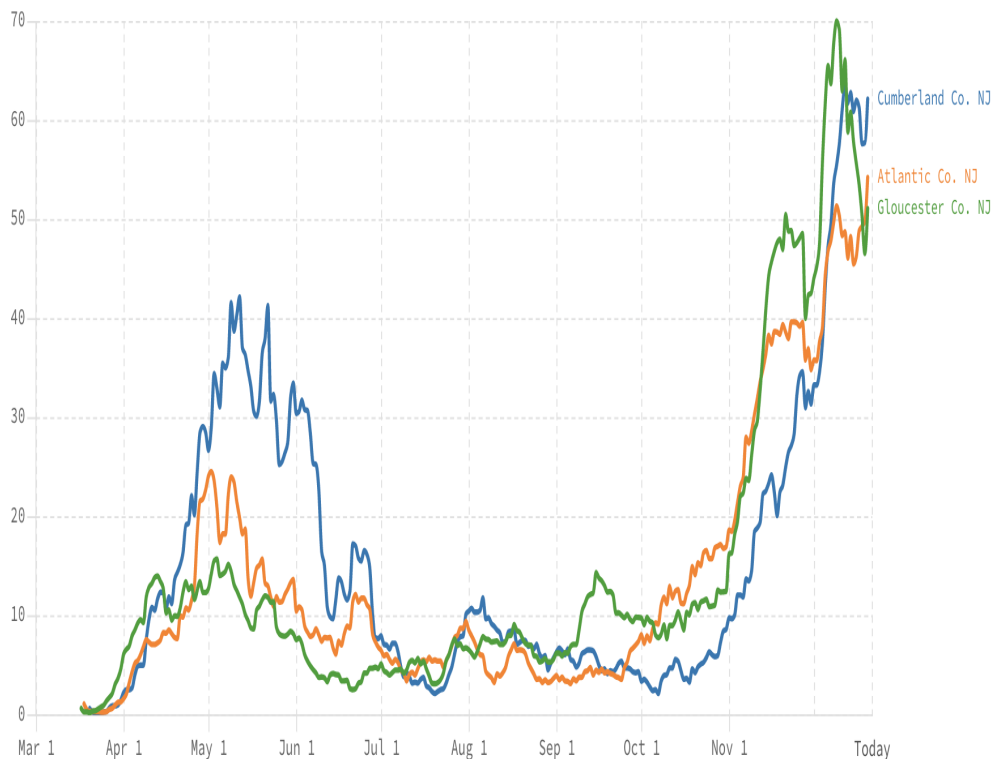
Indicates insufficient testing

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CASES PER 100K POPULATION IN CUMBERLAND CO. NJ, ATLANTIC CO. NJ AND GLOUCESTER CO. NJ



Meetings & Community Engagements: 12/21-1/8

- Individual Check-in with the Business Administrator, the Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Technology, Director of Special Education, Supervisor of Athletics, and the Director of Research, Evaluation and Testing.
- Cumberland County Superintendents Roundtable
- Several meetings with Vineland and Millville Superintendents to discuss face-to-face reopening readiness
- Meeting with Cabinet leaders to discuss face-to-face reopening readiness
- Two Virtual Town Halls with parents and community members to discuss face-to-face reopening readiness
- Meeting with Cumberland County Prosecutor to discuss community partnerships.
- Conversations with Association leadership are ongoing
- Conversations with the Board President, VP, and other Board members are ongoing
- Weekly Leadership Team Meeting
- Weekly All Principals Check-in
- Individual meeting with each school leader to discuss 1st evaluation
- Literacy Campaign Information Meeting

Our District-wide Cameras on Campaign

During last week's two COVID-19 Town Halls, we heard feedback from staff and parents regarding cameras. We heard from teachers who have yet to see the faces of students all year on one end of the spectrum, and we also have teachers who are able to get all or most students to show their faces "at key moments" throughout the lesson.

Because of valid concerns around bandwidth and access to cameras, we will continue to "strongly recommend" cameras are turned on. Staff are encouraged to incentivize showing faces as we know that students who show their faces are more successful than those who do not.

If students/parents are concerned about classmates seeing things in the background, instead of turning off video for the entire lesson, students should utilize the virtual background feature. Instructions on doing so can be found by clicking [here](#).

