



Superintendent's Winter Edition Bulldog Briefing

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Happy Monday Bulldog Team!

This month, Bridgeton Public Schools, under the leadership of Mrs. Barbara Wilchensky and members of our Ready, Set, Read Community Committee (Timothy Zoyac, Christina Mendolera, and Diana Cintron), will be **Reading Across Bridgeton!** Staff and community members will be featured reading from historic sites across Bridgeton to spark a love for reading and honor Bridgeton's rich history. The first of the videos will be released on Monday, March 7th, and continue throughout the month.

Since our last briefing, Covid rates are still declining; although, Cumberland County's risk level remains red. More individuals across our community have received their first shot. First dose vaccinations are at 11.5%, up from 9.9% last week. All staff were notified formally of our intent to return on **March 11th** via an HR memo on this past Thursday.

Cumberland County, NJ



COVID RISK LEVEL ⓘ

Active outbreak

Cumberland County is either actively experiencing an outbreak or is at extreme risk. COVID cases are exponentially growing and/or Cumberland County's COVID preparedness is significantly below international standards.



ALERT

Add your phone to [New Jersey's exposure notification system](#) to receive alerts if you were in close contact with someone who later tests positive for COVID. Your privacy is protected as your identity is not known and your location is not tracked.

DAILY NEW CASES

● **32.0** PER 100K

Dangerous number of new cases

INFECTION RATE

● **0.94**

COVID is still spreading, but slowly

POSITIVE TEST RATE

● **5.0%**

Indicates adequate testing

ICU CAPACITY USED

● **68%**

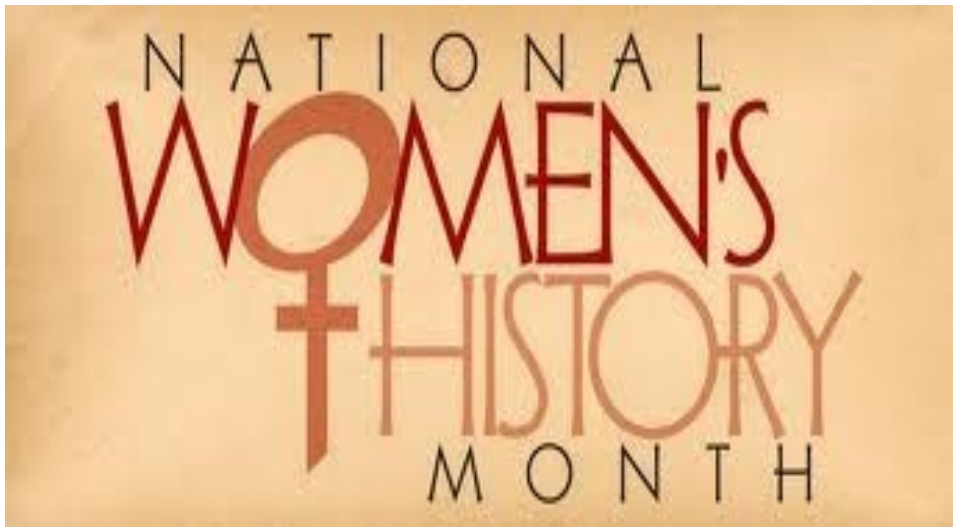
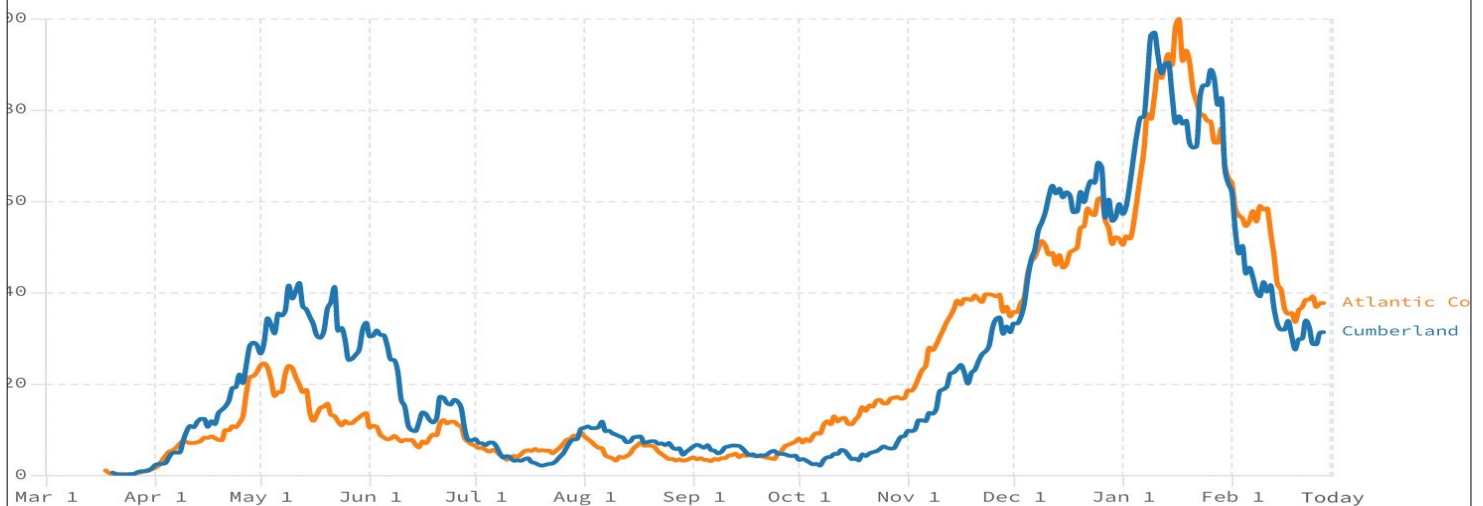
Can likely handle a new wave of COVID

VACCINATED

● **11.5%** 1ST SHOT

[New Indicator](#)

PER 100K POPULATION IN CUMBERLAND CO. NJ AND ATLANTIC CO. NJ



COVID CASES IN OUR SCHOOLS

As of today, our COVID-19 total cases since 10/13 are currently at: **84**

- 6 Positive Staff Cases at the TCL Building
- 11 Positive Staff Cases at QML
- 1 Positive Staff Case at ExCEL
- 14 Positive Cases at BHS
- 4 Positive Staff Case at the Annex
- 11 Positive Staff Cases at Broad
- 10 Positive Staff Cases at Buckshutem
- 8 Positive Staff Cases at West
- 3 Positive Staff Case at Cherry
- 6 Positive Staff Case at Dr. GOFEC
- 10 Positive Staff Cases at Indian

Meetings and Community Engagements for the Week of February 22 - 26

- Individual Check-in with the Business Administrator, the Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the Director of Special Education, the Director of Research, Evaluation and Testing, and the Director of ESL/Bilingual
- Two Student and Superintendent meetings - Top 25 Achieve 3000 Scholars (3rd graders; 4-12th graders)
- Revive South Jersey Parent Workshop
- Restart Committee meeting with Pandemic Response Liaisons
- Quarterly Curriculum and Instruction meeting
- Cherry Street Black Lives Matter Week Student Discussion
- BHS's virtual Black History Month Sankofa program
- Conversations with Association leadership are ongoing
- Conversations with the Board President, VP, and other Board members are ongoing
- GOFEC Staff meeting
- QML's K-4 Honor Roll Ceremony
- Weekly Check-in with Principals
- One-on-one Leadership Development meetings with 9 administrators

Upcoming Dates/Events

- First Day of FREE School Site Drive Through Testing (1-4pm) - **Wednesday, March 10**
- March Board Meeting - **Tuesday, March 9**
- Return to in-person learning for staff - **Thursday, March 11**
- Return to in-person learning for students - **Monday, March 15**
- Good Friday and Spring Break - **Friday, April 2-9**