## **Bridgeton Public Schools**

March 22, 2021 Volume 1, Issue 33

# Superintendent's Spring Edition Bulldog Briefing

Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. · Superintendent of Schools

# **Happy Monday Bulldog Team!**



As you all are aware, Saturday March 20th was the first official day of spring. I want to begin by thanking each of you for a successful return to in-person learning last week! Upon visiting all schools, I saw an enormous amount of positivity, teamwork, collaboration, happy students, and happy staff members. There was a different kind of energy than what is typical for mid-March. I am encouraged by the energy and enthusiasm shared throughout our organization, and look forward to maximizing in-person learning opportunities through June and into the summer. The big question on everyone's mind is when will we scale up? While we are beginning to hear changing guidance around how many feet we must distance students, Superintendents and I are

awaiting official word that 3 ft is the new standard. As long as 6 ft of distancing is recommended,

### **Cumberland County**, NJ

(Continued on page 2)



COVID RISK LEVEL (i)

High risk

Take precautions to avoid exposure, including <u>official</u> recommended actions.

A

UPDATE

We now surface vulnerability levels for locations. Cumberland County, NJ has **very high vulnerability**, making it more likely to experience severe physical and economic suffering from COVID, and to face a harder, longer recovery.

#### **DAILY NEW CASES**

INFECTION RATE

#### **POSITIVE TEST RATE**

**ICU CAPACITY USED** 

#### **VACCINATED**

23.5 PER 100K

0.90

4.2%

• **59**%

■ 19.4% 1+ DOSE

Very large number of new cases

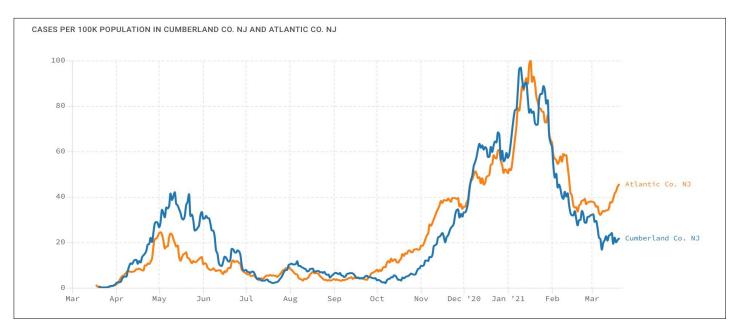
COVID is still spreading, but slowly

Indicates adequate
testing

Can likely handle a new wave of COVID

New Indicator



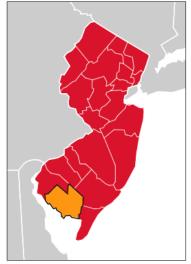


(Continued from page 1)

10 students per classroom will remain our maximum, and we will continue with our current schedule.

Delivering on our district's promise of success for all children will require an enormous amount innovation, creativity, and the sharing of best practices across classrooms and across schools. To promote innovation, we have begun a new committee led by Dr. Merriweather with the specific focus of addressing issues around the mitigation of learning loss. We have also begun preparations for a robust summer experience for our students PreK-12. Our goal is to ensure that everyone who wants to participate this summer will have the opportunity to do so. You are probably wondering, what will summer programming look like? Later in the briefing, you will find a menu of summer activities recently Board approved on the March agenda. We are also exploring a Saturday face-to-face program which we hope to get approved on the next agenda, based on parent interest.

Cumberland County's risk level is holding steady at orange, the only county in NJ not at the red level as of today.



#### **COVID CASES IN OUR SCHOOLS**

As of today, our COVID-19 total cases since 10/13 are currently at: **89** 

- 6 Positive Staff Cases at the TCL Building
- 11 Positive Staff Cases at QML
- 1 Positive Staff Case at ExCEL
- 17 Positive Cases at BHS
- 4 Positive Staff Case at the Annex
- 12 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. GOFECC
- 11 Positive Staff Cases at Indian

#### Meetings/Community Engagements: March 15 - 19

- Individual Check-ins with the Millville Superintendent, Vineland Superintendent, the Business Administrator, the Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the Director of Special Education.
- Site visits at the following schools: BHS, Broad Street, Buckshutem Road, Cherry Street, ExCEL, GOFECC, Indian Avenue, QML and West Avenue
- Weekly Directors' Meeting
- ♦ Black Superintendents Alliance Meeting
- April Administrative Council Meeting
- Weekly Leadership Team Meeting
- ♦ Conversations with Association leadership are ongoing
- ◆ Conversations with the Board President, VP, and other Board members are ongoing
- Administrator Evaluation Post Conference

#### **Upcoming Dates/Events**

 Good Friday and Spring Break -April 2-9, 2021



# **Bridgeton Public Schools**

A variety of Summer School Programs will be available

June through August 2021 for Bridgeton Public Schools students:

Program	Location	Time	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Early College Initiative @BHS Summer Bridge Program	Rowan College of S. Jersey (formerly CCC)	8:30 am - 2:30 pm	10-12	6/24 - 8/6
Sophomore Summer Institute	внѕ	8:30 am - 2:30 pm	10	8/10 - 8/12
Freshman Summer Institute	BHS	8:30 am - 2:30 pm	9	8/10 - 8/12
BHS Credit Completion	внѕ	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	9-12	7/6 - 8/9
BHS Summer Enrichment Program	BHS	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	9-12	7/6 - 8/9
SPED/ESY	Buckshutem	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	PK-8	7/6 - 8/9
Pathways 21st Century	Buckshutem	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	4-8	7/6 - 8/9
District PK-2 Summer Program	Buckshutem	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	K-2	7/6 - 8/9
District 3-5 Summer Program	QML	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	3-5	7/6 - 8/9
District 6-8 Summer Program	Cherry 5t.	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	6-8	7/6 - 8/9
District BHS Summer Program	BHS	12:00 pm - <mark>4:0</mark> 0 pm	9-12	7/6 - 8/9
Youth to Youth	West Ave.	8:00 am - <mark>2:00</mark> pm	K-12	7/6 - 8/9
Migrant	West Ave.	8:30 am - 2 <mark>:3</mark> 0 pm	PK-12	7/6 - 8/9

For further information, please call (856) 455-8030, ext. 2021 for further information, or check the district website:

www.bridgeton.k12.nj.us



# District Students, Staff Welcome Return to In-Person Learning





# **Kudos to Mr. Tyndell**

Mr. Maurice Tyndell, Director of Human Resources, has been invited by the Foundation for Educational Administration and the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association to present virtually on March 24. Mr. Tyndell's presentation will be to new Human Resources Directors, Principals and Superintendents on "Learning From Real World Changes" and best practices for their HR departments.



# District Students, Staff Welcome Return to In-Person Learning

