



Superintendent's School Opening Bulldog Briefing

Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools

Happy Friday Bridgeton Team!

I hope as many of you as are available will support our Bulldogs tonight in person or virtually for their homecoming game at against Egg Harbor Township High School at 6 pm!

We continue to closely monitor positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community. As cases throughout the country continue to rise, we are in regular communication with our local health department to determine if and when we might scale back and transition back to 100% remote.

Please understand that while Quarter Mile Lane has seen the most cases, according to the NJDOH and [CDC guidelines](#), the school has not officially met the bar to transition to 100% remote. Still, out of an abundance of caution, we made the decision locally for all staff and students at QML only to work from home for the next 14 school days and resume hybrid instruction on November 9th.



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	Week 1 Average	Week 2 Average	Week 3 Average	Week 4 Average	Week 5 Average	Week 6 Average	Weeks 1- 6 Average
District-Wide	85%	95%	95%	94%	94%	93%	93%
Broad Street School	74%	99%	98%	95%	94%	89%	92%
Buckshutem Rd School	81%	90%	92%	91%	91%	90%	89%
Cherry Street School	85%	93%	92%	90%	91%	90%	90%
Indian Avenue School	81%	98%	97%	94%	95%	96%	94%
Quarter Mile Ln School	88%	98%	98%	97%	92%	96%	95%
West Avenue School	85%	92%	91%	90%	89%	91%	90%
ExCEL Program	93%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	98%
Bridgeton High School	91%	94%	94%	96%	95%	96%	94%
Dr. GOFEC	93%	93%	93%	94%	95%	91%	93%

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According to [CDC guidance](#), 2 or more unlinked cases would constitute closure. In the cases at QML, all positive cases were linked to the same classroom/case.

Total Positive Cases in Our District since 10/13

- 3 Positive and Confirmed Staff Cases at QML (School is 100% Remote until November 9th)
- 1 Positive and Confirmed Staff Case at BHS (Building currently open and operational)
- 1 Positive and Confirmed Staff Case at Cherry Street (Building currently open and operational)
- 1 Positive and Confirmed Staff Case at Broad Street (Building currently open and operational)
- 1 Positive and Confirmed Staff Case at Indian Avenue (Building currently open and operational)

*There are no "reported" confirmed student cases, to date.

Communication of Positive Cases to Staff and Families

We have implemented a plan where staff and parents will receive notification of all "confirmed" positive cases as soon as we receive documentation from the positive individual. Where possible and when appropriate, we will also communicate when there is a "suspected" positive case.

Pandemic Response Teams

[Pandemic Response team liaisons](#) met with the Superintendent and central leadership team this week, and recommended that we NOT transition our general education students from 1 day to 2 days a week. Liaisons listed the following concerns for not combining Monday and Tuesday students which would mean in some cases 3 and 3 to make 6 or 4 and 4 to make 8 students per class:

- Coverage/staffing concerns
- Cold and flu season
- Rising cases in the Cumberland County community
- Rising cases in our schools

Pandemic Response teams will continue to meet twice monthly and assess our readiness to scale up or need to scale back.

Technology Update

As of October 22, 2020 the district successfully migrated from the old Comcast 1 gigabyte internet circuit to the new 10 gigabyte internet circuit. This should increase the quality and speed of our internet district-wide.

Meetings and Community Engagements for the Week of October 19th to October 23rd

- ♦ Individual meetings with the Business Administrator, the Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Special Education, Director of Research, Evaluation and Testing, and the Director of Technology
- ♦ Administrative Council Meeting
- ♦ Board Retreat Planning Meeting
- ♦ Restart Committee Meeting with Pandemic Response Team Liaisons
- ♦ Conversations with Association Leadership are ongoing
- ♦ Conversations and meetings with the Board President, VP and other Board members are ongoing
- ♦ Leadership Team Meeting
- ♦ City Council Meeting



Upcoming Dates/Events

- ♦ Schools Closed for Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd
- ♦ District Reopening Committee meeting with Pandemic Response Team Liaisons on Tuesday, Nov. 17th
- ♦ Special Education Parent Advisory Group meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19th