

November 24, 2020

Dear Academy360 Community,

On Friday, we shared a communication regarding the Academy360 Lower School campus moving to full-time remote learning due to a change in NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines. A concern was expressed over the seeming lack of communication leading up to this decision. As a result, we want to provide some clarification.

NJDOH changed the risk level for our area on the afternoon of Thursday, November 19 from yellow to orange. This resulted in new and more stringent guidelines concerning when it is appropriate for schools to implement full time remote at this risk level. The previous guidelines indicated that we only had to take action if there were COVID-19 positive cases, however, the new guidelines now require us to include those who have not yet been tested (or have not yet received test results) in determining whether or not to go to full-time remote learning. Leading up to this change in guidelines, we had been monitoring several unrelated symptomatic individuals, but there were no additional positive COVID-19 cases. However, because [the new guidelines](#) now designated these unconfirmed, symptomatic individuals to be treated as presumed positive cases, we quickly took action and quarantined the whole school for two weeks.

We have created a Risk Level Commonly Asked Questions document to simplify the NJDOH guidelines and quickly provide answers to questions many of you may have. You can find this document [here](#).

We assure you that whenever possible we will continue to make every effort to provide as much advance notice as possible.

Thank you,

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