

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Frequently Asked Questions for North Brunswick Township Schools Families

What is the best way to prevent COVID-19 ?

Wash your hands! Frequent hand-washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is one of the simplest — and most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Use alcohol based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Remind your child to wash his or her hands:

- Before eating food
- After using the bathroom
- After using a tissue, coughing, or sneezing

Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Teach your child to cough or sneeze into a tissue — then discard it. If it isn't possible to reach a tissue in time, remind your child to cough or sneeze into the fold of his or her arm.

Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth. Remind your child that germs spread this way.

Stay home if you are sick, especially with a fever.

Avoid people who are sick. When possible, help or encourage your child to avoid close contact with anyone who is sick.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.

Was Stay Informed:

[CDC Website Coronavirus](#)

[NJ Department of Health Coronavirus](#)

1. Should I provide my child with a mask?

The **Center for Disease Control** (CDC) does not recommend the routine use of masks in the community and during school hours.

There is no evidence that wearing masks on healthy people will protect them.

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2. How is the North Brunswick Township School District managing Trips/ Extra and Co-Curricular Activities?

Effective March 9th, all international and New York City trips have been postponed and/or cancelled. All other events and activities remain scheduled, however, if more information becomes available that jeopardizes the health and safety of our students and staff, postponement will be considered on a case by case basis.

3. If the New Jersey Department of Health closes schools, can North Brunswick Township provide distance learning opportunities for our students?

Yes. The district has the capacity to provide distance or uninterrupted learning opportunities for our students. Teachers will be provided additional guidance during our early closing that is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th.

If there is a ***forced*** need for closure by the New Jersey Department of Health, the district is working with all divisions of our operations including, but not limited to buildings and grounds, food services, transportation, and technology to coordinate essential services.

4. If digital access is required for uninterrupted learning, what if a student or family doesn't have a computer or WIFI?

Chromebooks are currently being utilized by students throughout the schools. The district has the capacity to provide loaner devices with internet access for families who need them. Please be advised that the district will be sending out a survey in the near future to determine computer and internet needs to help us plan accordingly.

5. What extra precautions has the district taken to help prevent the spread of COVID-19?

- a. ***Food service:*** The district is working with our provider, Chartwells, to reinforce proper food handling and to monitor the health of their staff. All schools' lunch tables are being sanitized after every lunch session.

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- b. ***Buildings and Grounds/Custodial:*** The district will continue its enhanced cleaning practices, providing hand sanitizers at the entrances of each school and disinfecting door knobs and surface areas.
- c. ***Transportation:*** The district has elevated cleaning and disinfecting practices for all local and contracted buses.

6. If a question is specific to a child's individual needs or school, who should be called?

Call the building principal who will direct you to the appropriate department if unable to assist with your questions.

7. What if there is a general question about the Coronavirus?

The New Jersey Department of Health has set up a free 24 Hour Public Hotline: **1-800-222-1222** where trained healthcare professionals are standing by to answer questions about coronavirus.