

# Shrewsbury Borough School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to SBS and the new school year! We are off to a great start this week!!

I am writing today to provide you with an update regarding our current positive COVID-19 case rate as it relates to our local school community. Our contact tracing has revealed that the majority of our positive COVID-19 case rates here at SBS this year are epidemiologically linked to positive COVID-19 cases in the local community. Our schoolwide positive COVID-19 case rate correlates to our local positive COVID-19 case rates (with the exception of the nursing homes and assisted living facilities) and is a reliable indicator to gauge “community spread” here locally in Shrewsbury. As you may know, we consult frequently with the MCRHC#1 to implement the latest CDC and NJDOH guidelines and recommendations. We also contact them for specific guidance whenever we are aware of a positive COVID-19 case at SBS. In cases where students and employees have been in “close contact” with a positive COVID-19 individual, the school communicates with those individuals directly by phone and email. We also contact specific classes and groups of students if they have been in contact with a positive COVID-19 individual or individuals.

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>COVID-19 Positive Students</b>	<b>COVID-19 Positive Staff</b>
August 23, 2021	0	0
August 30, 2021	0	0

- For more information about daily reporting of positive COVID-19 cases reported in Monmouth County, please see [Monmouth County News Releases](#).
- For more information about weekly state and regional reports of positive COVID-19 cases in New Jersey, please see [COVID-19 Activity Level Index \(CALI\) Weekly Reports](#).
- For more information about “Operating schools during COVID-19: CDC’s Considerations,” please see [Operating Schools During COVID-19](#).

Here are some additional reminders for our parent community:

- Please see the most current, recently updated guidelines for travel and travel-related quarantine as issued by the NJDOH and the CDC. You should follow these guidelines when traveling to ensure that your children can return to school promptly after a trip or vacation. Please see the [NJDOH](#) website for the most important and current information and updates below:
  - **As of May 17, 2021, New Jersey's travel advisory is no longer in effect.**
  - New Jersey residents returning home and travellers visiting New Jersey do not need to quarantine, but should follow travel guidance from the CDC, the NJ Department of Health, and all local health and safety protocols of their travel destination.
  - For more information, refer to the [CDC's guidance for domestic travel](#).
  - **International Travel**
  - The CDC requires all air passengers arriving in the United States from a foreign country to get tested for COVID-19 no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to present the negative result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight.
  - For more information, visit the [CDC website](#).
  - In addition, with specific exceptions, foreign nationals who have been in any of the following countries during the past 14 days may NOT enter the United States: India, China, Iran, countries in the [European Schengen Area](#), United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Brazil, and South Africa. For more details and a full list of exceptions, refer to the [CDC's update on travelers prohibited from entry](#).
- *The Shrewsbury Borough School will only accept PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test results conducted no sooner than 72 hours or three days from the return from your trip. SBS will not accept any Rapid Antigen Test results or any type of antigen testing for the purpose of determining quarantine timelines.*
- If anyone in your family or close circle is symptomatic or tests positive for COVID-19, you should contact the school immediately. While we can't mitigate every possible risk that we face, we can take actions quickly that prevent further transmission and exposure for everyone. If we truly value in-person instruction for all of our students, we must all do our part to keep everyone healthy and safe here and at home. Otherwise, our children will continue to experience disruptions in their ability to enjoy and benefit from in-person learning on a consistent basis at the Shrewsbury Borough School.

- If you think that your child may need to speak with a counselor or if you need further resources to help your family through this time, please feel free to contact our professional counseling staff:
  - Ms. Kathleen Fitzpatrick, School Psychologist - 1.732.747.0882, extension # 119 or [fitzpatrickk@sbs-nj.org](mailto:fitzpatrickk@sbs-nj.org)
  - Mrs. Kristina Kiely, School Social Worker - 1.732.747.0882, extension #118 or [kielyk@sbs-nj.org](mailto:kielyk@sbs-nj.org)
  - Ms. Marisa Shaheen, School Counselor - 1.732.747.0882, extension #309 or [shaheenm@sbs-nj.org](mailto:shaheenm@sbs-nj.org)
  
- Please do not send students to school with flip-flops or slides. Students should wear sneakers or shoes for their safety during the school day, recess, and physical education class.
  
- Please make sure that your child or children have a well fitting mask for each day at school. Gaiters and bandanas are not an appropriate or safe face covering for the school day. For more information, please see [CDC Mask Guidelines](#).
  
- Please do not send any food into school to be distributed to students for birthday celebrations or for any reason. Our Party & Celebration Committee has been meeting throughout the summer and I will have guidelines for parents and guardians regarding these types of events soon.

Best wishes for continued health and safety to you and your family.

Very sincerely,

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