

# Shrewsbury Borough School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I wanted to let our school community know that the Shrewsbury Borough School has planned virtual instruction weeks after each of the upcoming holiday breaks. While we haven't had any cases of in-school transmission to date, COVID-19 is clearly present in our local community and this virtual week will allow us to assess the overall safety and health of our students before we return to in-person instruction. I do thank and commend the many parents who have contacted the school since September to let our School Nurse and I know of cases where there may have been transmission. This all important trust that we rely on is part of our best defense against localized outbreaks at SBS. Please continue to monitor your family members for symptoms of illness and refrain from sending anyone who might be sick to school.

Please see the updated SBS 2020-21 [2020 - 2021 SBS Calendar - 4 months per page](#) indicating that we planned for Virtual Instruction during the weeks of November 30, 2020 and January 4, 2021. **Please note that although this document indicates our previous Hybrid Instruction Calendar days, we are following our In-Person Instruction schedule.** Should SBS need to return to our Hybrid Model for any reason, you will receive specific communication regarding this change.

I know that many families have questions about travel especially as it relates to vacations and trips over the holidays and through the winter ski season. Governor Murphy has issued the following guidance, "Due to the interconnected nature of the region and mode of transport between New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, a 14-day quarantine is not reasonable in all instances. Non-essential travel to and from these states, however, is highly **discouraged** at this time." I am aware that the state of New York is also included in this list of states while not explicitly mentioned.

I do want to reiterate that travel to any other state or country does require a mandatory, 14-day quarantine for all students who travel to any state or country for more than 24 hours. Updated guidance from the CDC, NJDOH, and Monmouth County Regional Health Commission #1 recommends a full and complete quarantine after travel for more than 24 hours. If you are planning to travel, SBS can easily accommodate your children virtually as Remote Learning Option students for the duration of your quarantine. 14-day quarantines are the most effective way to combat COVID-19 and to prevent transmission opportunities. Please refer to the [NJDOH Travel Advisory List](#) for more information as you make plans to travel.

**Please take time to sign up with CivicReady, our emergency notification system.** There is an updated link on our website that will take you to the Shrewsbury Borough website and CivicReady landing page. You will need to validate your account through your email address to establish a password. Here is the link to [CivicReady](#). We are no longer using the Two River Alert system so you will not receive notifications from that emergency notification system.

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.

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

Very sincerely,

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