

HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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*****TEST TO STAY*****

Dear High Point Community:

We continue to experience elevated rates of COVID-19 and influenza like illnesses in the High Point community. We have contact traced for 16 positive test cases over the past nine days (although those cases have not been confirmed on the state DOH database). While these elevated rates require our continued diligence and commitment to student and staff wellbeing, we remain committed to keeping our school open for all scheduled academics and events. We remain committed to maintaining full spectator access to our sporting events, as well.

We believe that our students' interests, learning, health and wellbeing are better served while being on-site and in school, among their peers and their teachers. We do not plan to close; we do not plan to shut down; we do not plan to reduce or halt athletics or extracurricular activities. Should it become necessary to do so, I will notify the community; please do not entertain rumors that are frequently unfounded and untrue.

In our effort to ensure student and staff health and wellbeing, while also remaining open for all activities, we shall be implementing what is known as “**Test-To-Stay**,” beginning on, or about, Wednesday January 5. This would allow anyone not vaccinated, who is deemed a “close contact,” but who tests negative with a rapid test administered on-site, to forgo required quarantine. This will ensure that students who are not ill may remain in school. However, we would continue to honor any student and/or parent who believes their child would be better served in completing a 7-10 day quarantine, in lieu of testing. We will also continue providing virtual education for all those in quarantine protocol. Specific protocols shall be communicated by January 4, 2022.

The NJDOH has requested we remind our community that the NJDOH, NJDOE and [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) support vaccinations as a method to control the spread of COVID-19.

We are continuing to monitor all COVID related circumstances and will provide updates, as appropriate. If you have questions, please contact Superintendent Dr. Scott Ripley [SRipley@hpregional.org], Principal Jon Tallamy [JTallamy@hpregional.org] or call the school at 973.875.3101: we will respond to all inquiries, as soon as we are able.

Sincerely,



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