



Orange Township Public Schools

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Update to our December 3, 2021 Notice

Good Day Orange Preparatory Academy Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

The district has completed its investigation into today's reported case of COVID-19. In accordance with guidance provided by our local health officials, Orange Preparatory Academy students will remain in quarantine beginning Monday, December 6, 2021 – December 9, 2021. Students are required to return on Friday, December 10, 2021.

During this time, virtual instruction will be available to students via synchronous instruction as we conducted last school year. Information will be found on the teacher's website of your child. Please visit www.orange.k12.nj.us and select Our District to Our Schools. Once there, select Orange Preparatory Academy to Faculty. Last, select your child's teacher. The links for live instruction will be evident there for your child to use.

Students are **only** permitted to return on Friday, December 10, 2021, provided they provide proof of a negative PCR test. **Failure to provide verification of testing will result in denial of entry.** Virtual instruction will not be provided beyond December 10, 2021, for this matter.

- Please scan your negative **PCR not RAPID** result to the school principal Ms. Carrie Halstead, HalsteCa@orange.k12.nj.us and school nurse Ms. Sacks SacksLau@orange.k12.nj.us. Families may also take a photo and send it to Ms. Halstead via REMIND. Be advised that showing proof is mandatory, prior to your child being allowed to return to school.

Given the nature of this pandemic, we continue to trust that the Orange Health Department will guide the community through whatever processes are necessary at this time. The Orange Township Public School District will continue to work closely with public health officials, assist in any manner possible, and keep our school community well informed.

Due to the evolving nature of information, residents are encouraged to contact the 24/7 NJ COVID-19 Call Center at 1-800-222-1222 or 1-800-962-1253 if calling from a non-NJ cell phone for the most up to date information. New Jersey residents can also call NJ 211 with questions or concerns about COVID-19 by calling 2-1-1. NJ 211 is New Jersey's statewide comprehensive information and referral service operated by United Way of New Jersey. Residents can also text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.

We are in this together as a school community. In Orange, we are one team and are certainly built strong. In closing, please stay safe and know we are here for you.

Educationally yours,

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