



# Orange Township Public Schools

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Good Day Orange Township Public School District Community,

As you are aware, we are embarking on Thanksgiving Break. This break allows us to relax just a bit and enjoy great food as well as conversation. With that being said, I must stress the importance about remaining safe. The pandemic is not over. As your Superintendent of Schools, it is my duty to stress the importance of health and safety during the holiday season. We must be reminded that masks and social distancing are paramount in our ability to combat COVID-19.

During the Board of Education Meeting last week, I shared the importance of monitoring symptoms and informing the school if you or your child has become impacted by COVID-19. We cannot spread COVID-19, therefore, if your child is sick and exhibiting symptoms, getting the PCR test to either confirm or rule out COVID-19 is vital. We need to work together to ensure that our staff and students are safe at all times.

The following are symptoms of COVID-19:

- Symptoms may appear 2 -14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - **Special Note:** All schools are outfitted with isolations rooms should students become sick during the day. The most important component is that when called, the parent/guardian must come immediately to pick up the sick child. This allows for lessening the spread of illness.

The district has shared via the website ([www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us)) as well as our social media handles, the available vaccination opportunities in district. Mr. Devone, the district's Community Engagement Officer presented the following information at last week's board meeting:

## **I. Park Avenue School at 3:30pm - 7:30pm**

- **Address:** 231 Park Avenue
- First Dose: 11/11/21
- Second Dose: 12/03/2021

## **II. Rosa Parks Community School at 4:00pm - 7:00pm**

- **Address:** 369 Main St., Orange, NJ
- First Dose: 11/19/21
- Second Dose: 12/09/21

### **III. Lincoln Avenue School at 4:00pm - 7:00pm**

- **Address:** 216 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ
- First Dose: 12/16/21
- Second Dose: 1/6/22

### **IV. Heywood Avenue School at 4:00pm - 7:00pm**

- **Address:** 421 Heywood Avenue, Orange, NJ
- First Dose: 1/13/22
- Second Dose: 2/3/22

Note: Vaccine Clinics are only for students ages 5-11 attending the outlined schools above per the direction of the Essex County Mobile Vaccine Unit.

The District will collect information from parents/guardians of unvaccinated students who plan on **traveling either domestically (outside of PA, NJ, NY, CT, DE)** or outside of the United States during the Thanksgiving break. To keep our students, staff and community safe, unvaccinated students will need to quarantine before returning to school. If you are either traveling or domestically (**outside of PA, NJ, NY, CT, DE**) it is imperative that you send a letter no later than Wednesday, November 24, 2021 to your child's principal so we can place your child on the quarantine list.

Note the following:

- **UNVACCINATED** students will be asked to quarantine for a full seven to ten days depending on testing.
- **Quarantine may be seven full days if students test negative on days 3, 4, or 5 after returning from travel.**

We encourage our students to be tested weekly. Since April 19, 2019, we have put COVID-19 testing at schools to ensure the continued health and safety of all that enter our doors. Below is the registration process.

### **Orange Township Public Schools COVID-19 Testing Program Registration Process**

1. Registrants will type the URL: FastCovidTestNY.com -This process can be completed through any computer and/or smart device (i.e., phone, iPad, desktop, laptop).
2. Click on the Orange Public School Registrant LINK.
3. Fill out the consent form, upload a copy of the front of your insurance card (if applicable) and hit SUBMIT.
4. A representative from JLHHH will contact you if they need any additional information.
5. Link to registration process video: <https://bit.ly/3CBSK3T>

#### ***Please note.....***

1. That registrants need to re-register for the 2021-2022 school year, even if they have registered in the past.
2. A separate form needs to be completed for each registrant. (i.e a family has 3 students in the home, therefore a form needs to be completed for each student)
3. Everyone qualifies regardless if they have insurance or not. If an individual does not have insurance, they will be contacted to complete an attestation form and may need to provide additional information.

4. Some registrants may be required to provide a copy of their ID, or parent/ guardian ID (for minors).

***Program oversight and consulting:***

JLHH will be providing medical oversight. This will ensure that the students and parents have access to consulting care, which will be available through a dedicated phone system.

***Who do I contact regarding questions about COVID-19 Testing?***

Dr. Sampson Davis  
Telephone: 973-868-0615  
Email: CovidTestNY@gmail.com

***Who do I contact about questions at my school?***

Contact the school building principal or send an email regarding your questions to **reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us**.

For more information and to view the district's COVID-19 Testing Program Schedule, please visit the district website (COVID-19 Resources Page) at: <https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/domain/3058>

We are in this together as a school community. Your continued resilience during this pandemic has been noticed and certainly appreciated. 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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