

According to the Middlesex County Office of Health Services, **3 or more cases linked to each other in the same learning group**, may necessitate a quarantine. This is subject to change based on risk in the area. The connections have to be established via tracing. The Middlesex County Office also advises each school base decisions on guidelines as well as specific context of the school situation.

The link below provides the guidelines for all K-12 schools.

https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/RecommendationsForLocalHealthDepts_K12Schools.pdf

All NUI COVID 19 policies are based on guidelines from CDC, NJDOH, Middlesex County Health Services, and NUI Health Task Force. Using the guidelines from all of the experts, we apply what we know exists in our own school or with the individuals in question who test positive, and make the decision that is best for our students and staff in a given scenario.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

- All parents should be on an honor system and use this daily health check before bringing their children to school. [Daily Health Check.pdf](#)

TESTING

- All staff are required to be vaccinated (and are now getting Booster shots) and those who did not, submit a weekly COVID test before reporting to work each week.
- **Students returning to school from a 14-day quarantine do not need to submit a negative PCR test. CHANGE TO POLICY**
- Students who are awaiting test results because they have symptoms or someone in their home tested positive, should not return to school until they submit their negative results to the nurse.
- If anyone in the home is awaiting test results ALL children/staff from that home should stay home until test results are received and nurse has been notified.
 - a. Return after testing is done with the guidance of the nurse.
- **WINTER BREAK TESTING: EVERYONE** will be required to submit a PCR test after winter break before returning to school (more details will follow).

VACCINATION

- A person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19, 2 weeks after receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series or 2 weeks after receipt of the single dose of the J&J vaccine.
- We highly encourage parents to have their children vaccinated if they are eligible.
- All staff are required to be vaccinated and those who did not, submit a weekly COVID test before reporting to work each week.
- We ask all parents who have had their children vaccinated provide a copy of the card. Unlike most other private schools, our vaccination rate is low for students.
- No one can ask about vaccination status except personnel doing contact tracing and those who are responsible for record keeping.

COVID positive

- Anyone who tests positive must quarantine for 14 days

- Anyone considered a close contact must quarantine for 14 days. A vaccinated individual is NOT considered a close contact but will be asked to test 3-5 days after contact.
- Decisions about close contacts and quarantine are based on assessing specific scenarios.

ZOOM ACCESS

- Students in quarantine will receive zoom access from their Divisions based on the following:
 - If student has tested positive or someone in their home has tested positive
 - If their learning group has been asked to quarantine by the school.
 - If the student has had surgery or long term illness (subject to administrative approval).
 - Students awaiting test results because they had some symptoms, if test results are not back within 2 days and student is feeling well enough to zoom.

TRAVEL GUIDELINES	
<p>What should I do if my child has traveled or plans to travel out of state?</p>	<p>You should immediately notify the school (division office and nurse) of travel plans prior to travel and upon return from travel. Notification does not imply that it is an excused absence. Excused absences are determined by the administration in accordance with the NUI Student Handbook</p>
<p>What are the quarantine rules for a child planning to or has travelled internationally?</p>	<p>International Travel Unvaccinated - <u>Self-quarantine for 10 days</u> after travel prior to returning to school as long as symptom free.</p> <p>International Travel Vaccinated - <u>May return to school 7 days after travel</u> as long as they produce a negative viral test, where the test was taken 3-5 days after returning from travel. Without producing a negative viral test, individuals must quarantine for 10 days.</p>
<p>What are the quarantine rules for a child planning to or has travelled domestically?</p>	<p>Travel Unvaccinated - <u>Self-quarantine for 7 days after return from travel as long as your child receives a negative COVID test. The earliest a student can return after domestic travel is 7 days. Optimal testing should take place 3-5 days after return from travel.</u> Parents are expected to manage this COVID testing on their own. If child is not COVID tested upon return, your child will need to stay out of school for 10-days after return from travel. Please make sure to communicate with the school so they are aware of your child’s travel.</p> <p>Domestic Travel Vaccinated - Those returning from domestic travel who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine and may return to school without delay as long as symptom free.</p>

	<p>**Domestic travel for unvaccinated students is defined as lasting 24 hours or longer to states or US territories other than those connected to New Jersey, such as Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware **</p>
<p>We asked parents these questions and here are the results from 301 Respondents</p>	
<p>Are you in favor of NUI requiring a weekly mandatory COVID-19 testing of students?</p>	<p>Yes -34% No-66%</p>
<p>Would you consent to your child having a weekly COVID-19 test in school?</p>	<p>Yes-54% No-46%</p>
<p>How likely are you to vaccinate your child(ren) in the coming months?</p>	<p>Definitely-31% Probably-20% We will not vaccinate-10% My child is already vaccinated or has begun the vaccination-39%</p>

If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse or the Head of School for clarification.