

NuView Academy

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Dear NuView Academy Parents/Guardians,

The resumption of in-person instruction at NuView Academy is just a few days away. I look forward to seeing our students back in their classrooms with our great NuView Academy team. While an exciting time, please review the following information as we prepare to welcome our students back to in-person learning on Monday, January 25, 2021.

Parents must complete the ESCNJ COVID-19 Daily Screening Form for their child each day the student attends school. The Screening Form on Genesis Parent Portal and the paper form have been revised to align with the Revised NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) Recommendations [NJDOH COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations Revised December 22, 2020](#).

Please note the following changes that have been made to the COVID-19 Daily Screening Form:

- Questions in Section 3 of the form have been updated to ascertain if your child has had close contact with a person / if someone in your household:
 1. is diagnosed with COVID-19;
 2. has a COVID test pending due to illness or
 3. has COVID compatible symptoms.
- In accordance with new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and NJDOH guidelines, the close contact definition has been changed to include exposure over a 24-hour period for a cumulative amount of time of 15 minutes.
- Travel related quarantine now includes all US States or US Territory outside of New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. If travelers test negative, they should quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, and if testing is not available (or if the results are delayed), travelers should quarantine for 10 days after travel. Please see [NJ Travel Advisory](#)

Based on the new guidelines from NJDOH for testing of ill children suspected of having COVID-19 prior to return to school, if your child is showing symptoms as indicated on the form, the student should not return to school until they have either received a negative viral test (PCR or Rapid) for SARS-CoV-2 (i.e., Coronavirus). If COVID testing is not available or completed, the ill children suspected of having COVID-19 will have to complete an isolation period of at least 10 days since symptom onset and at least 24-hours after resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications with symptom improvement. In accordance with these new guidelines, **ESCNJ cannot accept an alternate diagnosis from a Doctor** to allow your child to return to school.

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If your student is sick and you are asked to pick up your child, you must do so as soon as possible as we are not able to place the ill student on the school bus. Please make alternate arrangements if you are unable to come within that time period. Please make sure the school office has your most up to date contact information so we can reach you quickly in the event your child develops symptoms while they are at school or in an emergency.

We ask for your continued cooperation in having your child wear a mask as long as they do not have health or sensory related needs that would prevent them from tolerating a mask.

We continue to request that no backpacks, food, or beverages be brought into the school building, as a further attempt to prevent spread of illness.

Parental Expectations and School Procedures for COVID Related Incidents

	What You Should Do	What We Will Do While At School
Student has been in close contact (within 6-feet for a cumulative 15 or more minutes during a 24-hour period) to <u>COVID positive individual</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19 ● Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or <u>other symptoms</u> of COVID-19 ● If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at <u>higher risk</u> for getting very sick from COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student will be placed in an isolation room and parent/guardian will be contacted. Parent/Guardian should pick up student without delay and follow guidance above. ● The area accessed by the student will be cleaned/sanitized according to NJDOH guidelines. ● Students who were in close contact with the COVID exposed individual will be notified by email.
Student has been in close contact (within 6-feet for a cumulative 15 or more minutes during a 24-hour period) to an individual who has <u>COVID compatible symptoms</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay home until the individual with symptoms has received their test results. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student may return to school if individual tests negative. ▪ Follow procedure above for COVID positive individual if they test positive. ● If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at <u>higher risk</u> for getting very sick from COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student will be placed in an isolation room and parent/guardian will be contacted. Parent/Guardian should pick up student without delay and follow guidance above. ● The area accessed by the student will be cleaned/sanitized according to NJDOH guidelines. ● Students who were in close contact with the COVID exposed individual will be notified by email.

<p>If a student is displaying COVID symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents/Guardians should not send students to school when the child is ill. ● People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <p>This list does not include all possible symptoms. The CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student will be placed away from others in an isolation room and asked to wear a face covering/mask (if able) until they can be sent home. ● Parent/guardian will be called to come and pick up their student. They are expected to come and pick up their student without any delay. The student will be supervised by the nurse or assigned staff member until they are picked up. Symptomatic students may not be transported home on the school bus. ● The area accessed by the individual with symptoms will be cleaned/ sanitized according to NJDOH guidelines. ● Students/staff who were in close contact with the individual who was ill and had potential COVID-19 exposure will be notified individually by phone and advised to follow Local Health Department guidance. ● The general school community will be notified by email regarding illness and potential COVID-19 exposure of an individual at the school.
<p>If someone at (school name) tests positive</p>	<p>Please notify the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The school will notify the Middlesex County Office of Health Services and provide all necessary information. ● Students/staff who were in close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 will be notified individually by phone and advised to follow Local Health Department guidance. A follow-up letter notification will be sent home. ● The general school community will be notified by email regarding COVID-19 positive individual at the school.

We are very excited to have our students return to NuView Academy on Monday, January 25, 2021. As we return to school in this high COVID-19 activity level, please be assured that student and staff health and safety is our priority. As the NJDOH guidelines requires individuals with COVID compatible symptoms to be treated as presumed positive and quarantine accordingly, this may have an impact on our NuView Academy staffing levels. Thus, we may need to close a classroom or the entire school for a period of time to maintain the safety and well-being of all.

Please know I am always available to speak with you about any questions you may have. I have every confidence that our entire NuView Academy team will continue to provide the quality instructional programming on which you depend and will do so in a healthy and safe manner. We thank you for your support and cooperation in ensuring a safe environment for our students and staff so we can continue to keep our schools open and safe.

Sincerely,

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