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Return to School January 10, 2022

January 5, 2022

Dear Bayonne Community,

The Bayonne School District will return to full-day school on January 10, 2022.

Parents & Guardians - You have a choice - If you do not want your child to return - you can select remote/asynchronous instruction for your student(s). This is a new option for our district. This request is voluntary and if you select this remote option your student(s) must remain remote for at least 2 weeks. **If you wish for your student(s) to switch to remote/asynchronous instruction you must email your student(s) principal (K-8) or vice principal (grades 9-12) by Tuesday, January 11, 2022.** This option is due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Parents & Guardians, please understand that if you choose the remote option, we will do our best to offer the best possible instruction - it will not be synchronous. It may be difficult at times - we will do our best and we will need your help at home as well to ensure students are doing their school work. If you choose the online option, you cannot opt back in and out. Students can still participate in all in-person after-school co-curricular activities if they are remote. This switch is temporary and we will re-evaluate this option by February 1, 2022.

When we return to in-person instruction on January 10, 2022, we are asking all students, faculty, and staff to get tested for COVID-19, continue vaccination efforts and take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID. **Starting on January 24, 2022, the Bayonne School District will have free COVID-19 testing at all schools for any school employee or student that wishes to be tested for COVID-19. This testing will be available once a week during school and at each school. Please look for more information to follow about in-school COVID-19 testing.**

Sincerely,

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Return to school January 10, 2022 Q & A

When do we return to in-person school?

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Can I opt-out of in-person instruction and have my children learn remotely?

Yes, you must notify your building principal (K-8) or vice principal (9-12) by Tuesday, January 11, 2022

If I opt-out of in-person school can my children still participate in all activities after school?

Yes

If I opt-out of in-person instruction, can I opt back in at any time I want?

No

Can I opt-in to remote instruction at a later date?

Yes, (only if we are continuing the remote learning option)

Can I talk to anyone about choosing remote instruction?

Yes, please speak to your child's guidance counselor, principal or vice principal

Is the Bayonne School district planning to go entirely remote for COVID-19?

No, only if we are directed to by the Health Department or State of New Jersey

Is the Bayonne school district considering in-school testing for COVID-19?

Yes. With an anticipated start date of January 24, 2022, we will offer free, in school, COVID-19 testing for employees and students - more information will follow and it will be voluntary

How long will the option to learn remotely last?

Until February 1, 2022 - it could be extended - however, we do not know at this time and it will depend on the progression of COVID-19.

My student(s) has special needs. Can I also get services if I go remote?

Related services will be provided remotely as needed for those students who remain remote. Please email any questions to Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Ms. Jennifer Vecchiarelli at jvecchiarelli@bboed.org

If my student(s) are remote, are breakfast and lunch available?

Yes, we are setting up three locations in the city to pick up meals, we will let everyone know the locations as soon as possible.

My student is going remote. How do I let the school bus know?

Please let your building principal know you do not need transportation and also email dept_transportation@bboed.org

Who do I contact if I have any further questions?

Health related - please consult with your physician

COVID-19 related - please email wrogers@bboed.org

General questions - please contact your student's teacher or building administration