

The School District of Jenkintown

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Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff,

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family well. These past two weeks have been challenging for many families as they have navigated the current Covid-19 surge. We thank you for your patience as our staff has made many provisions to keep teaching and learning on track, and our sports and activities functional. I have participated in many meetings with local health officials who are extremely optimistic that our numbers will begin to fall as this pandemic becomes endemic and the weather improves.

We have updated the <u>Covid-19 information on our website</u> to include a more detailed dashboard and to update several new guidance documents from the Montgomery County Office of Public Health. Accordingly, we updated our Health and Safety Plan to reflect the recent changes. Please take some time to review the information that has been provided.

The Montgomery County Office of Public Health recommends discontinuing weekly assurance testing of asymptomatic students and staff. Beginning next week, we will cut down our assurance testing of athletes to once per week; and on January 31, 2022, we will cease assurance testing of athletes. Testing of individuals, who become symptomatic at school, will only be done if sufficient tests are available.

Individuals showing symptoms at home should not come to school under any circumstances.

We look forward to resuming pre-pandemic operations as soon as safely possible and will keep you informed accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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