



From the Superintendent:

As a matter of note, parents please be mindful of your speed as you are dropping off and picking up your child. In recent weeks, we have had several “near misses” which is unacceptable. We do our best to monitor traffic, but it’s up to each of you to be mindful of your speed. Also, please do not use your cell phone while you are driving on school grounds. Our goal is safety and it will take our collective efforts to ensure that our students, parents, and staff are safe while welcoming and dismissing children each day.

Recently the [CDC published new safety standards for schools](#). In short, the suggested distance between desks has been adjusted from 6 feet to 3 feet. This was done with the intent of safely returning more students back to school. Eastampton benefits from two factors. First, our facility was built to hold 900 + students. Second, beginning April 19, 2021, we have only 377 students who have opted for in-person learning (four days per week). This allows our district to exceed the 3 feet apart distance considerably. I would like to celebrate our students for abiding by safety protocols.

While we have enjoyed the return to school and seeing the girls and boys in the classroom setting, what is most encouraging is to see the consideration that our students have taken in keeping their peers and teachers safe. Good, bad, or indifferent, the pandemic has revealed character and our students have passed this test with flying colors! Parents, you should be commended for your work with your children during this time. I believe many of you were given a glimpse of what happens during the school day and have a newfound appreciation for teachers and schools. In turn, we have a profound appreciation for the work that you have done to help us meet our obligation of educating your children. This pandemic has taught us that education is truly a collaborative effort and we thank you for partnering with us.

CST/Special Education Update:

- **World Autism Awareness Day is April 2nd** (no school). **Please wear blue on April 1st** to raise awareness! Mrs. Goodman is our Autism Ambassador and will be distributing bracelets, buttons, stickers, and posters to interested staff! Stop down to the CST office – first come, first served!
- Thank you for your flexibility as we continue to navigate annual reviews remotely. To accommodate the many meetings scheduled, some annuals will begin at 1:30. We thank you for your time and patience as we navigate this process remotely.
- ESY for students with special needs will be held **July 5th – July 29th** from 8:30-12:30 (Monday through Thursday). Our current plan is for a full in-person model. More information regarding the summer enrichment program will be forthcoming.
- Frontline Progress Reports are due **April 13th**.

Assistant Principal:

- Communication with our families continues to be an important priority in our effort to address a variety of challenges including student engagement. As we work through such challenges, more of our families are choosing to return for in-person instruction.
- Please be mindful of updating virtual seating charts for contact tracing purposes as our student population continues to grow for in-person instruction.
- Our NJSLA testing schedule is currently being prepared. Our faculty meeting on April 13th will address the testing schedule including the necessary training for both in-person and remote students.

Notes from the Nurse's Office:

QUARANTINE following TRAVEL

The NJ travel advisory still discourages all non-essential interstate travel. NJ travel quarantine length is now 10 days, and we are aware that they offer a testing option. **However, erring on the side of caution, ECS simply asks individuals who travel beyond our immediate region (NJ, NY, CT, PA, DE), to stay home from school (and attend remotely) for 10 days following their return to New Jersey.** ECS is not accepting testing to reduce the quarantine time. [Click here for New Jersey Travel Advisory Information.](#) If anyone in the household becomes ill during the quarantine time, please contact the Nurse's Office for new instructions.

While state numbers did decrease after the winter holidays, they have recently been on the rise. Based on the **COVID-19 Activity Level Index Report** released for 3/20/2021 (Week 11), our **Southwest Region (and most of the state) has returned to HIGH Risk.** Therefore, it is still important that we all remain honest and diligent towards reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you so much for your understanding, and all your efforts to keep our school healthy and safe.

EXAMPLES

The day you return from travel is day zero. Then count the next ten days as quarantine days.

Return From Travel (Day Zero)	Quarantine Days (Days 1-10)	May Return to ECS Building	Instructions
<i>Thursday April 8th, 2021</i>	<i>April 9-18, 2021</i>	<i>Monday April 19th, 2021</i>	<i>No notification to ECS needed.</i>
<i>Sunday April 11th, 2021</i>	<i>April 12-21, 2021</i>	<i>Thursday April 22, 2021</i>	<i>Your remote learning will need to continue until your quarantine period is complete. Please notify the Nurse's Office.</i>

So, if you return anytime after Thursday, April 8th, please just notify the Nurse's Office of your schedule, and we will make note of your return date.

SPECIAL NOTE

The travel quarantine still applies to individuals who are vaccinated, or previously tested positive. This more conservative approach comes from the CDC, and aims to prevent the spread of variant strains from one area to another and also considers an increased transmission risk associated with traveling.

P.S. Have a great Spring Break!

Eastampton Township:

Woodcrest Drive Roadwork

Between Monday, March 29th and Monday, April 5th curbing work will begin on Woodcrest Drive. Door hangers will be placed on residents' doors 48-72 hours prior to the work starting. The curbing work will take up to 2 weeks, weather dependent, and the road will be open during this time. Milling and paving will begin in the middle of April, and the exact date has not yet been determined. The milling and paving work will take about 10 days, and the road will be closed during this time. Local residents, buses, police, fire, EMS, and trash trucks will be allowed access. All work will take place Monday through Friday during the hours of 7am-4pm. Residents are advised to move all vehicles, trailers and motorcycles from Woodcrest Drive and park on side streets or utilize the Cliver Park parking lot as of Sunday, March 28th.