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Matthew Sheehan Superintendent



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RE: COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI)

Dear Sterling Staff and Community:

Sterling High School follows the guidance by the New Jersey Department of Health to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. Recently, it was determined that the much of New Jersey has moved from Moderate to High in the COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI) Report. This report is updated weekly and has an impact on individuals who have been identified as Close Contacts.

The New Jersey Department of Health requires that during High CALI ratings that individuals identified as a Close Contact, who are not fully vaccinated, shall be required to quarantine for fourteen (14) days from the date of last contact with the COVID-19 positive individual. With the status of High in the CALI rating there is no option shortening the quarantine with a negative test result. Sterling High School must report Positive COVID-19 cases and Close Contacts to the Camden County Department of Health.

To reiterate, any non-vaccinated individual student or staff member identified as a Close Contact must quarantine for 14 days.

Vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine if exposed unless they become symptomatic. Vaccinated individuals who develop symptoms will need to quarantine until they receive a negative test result.

I cannot stress enough the importance of social distancing and proper mask wearing, the two key elements of determining a close contact.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Matthew Sheehan, Superintendent