

# Instructional Program Plans for Spring of 2021

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Board of Education Meeting April 5, 2021

# Last Selection Form Issued March 12, 2021

*...the district is planning for one more shift in student schedules/the instructional model for this school year. The anticipated implementation date for our next shift is Monday, April 26. The current thinking for this next phase is that there are two likely scenarios. One, if there is a modest increase to the number of students whose parents select in-person instruction, we will seek to move to traditional full day schedules (with lunch), five days per week, that both in-person and virtual students would follow. Two, if we have a significant increase to the number of students whose parents select in-person instruction, school schedules would remain identical to what they are now (abbreviated days with no lunch) except that we would make all the in-person/virtual changes parents request. The factors that will ultimately impact the final decision include:*

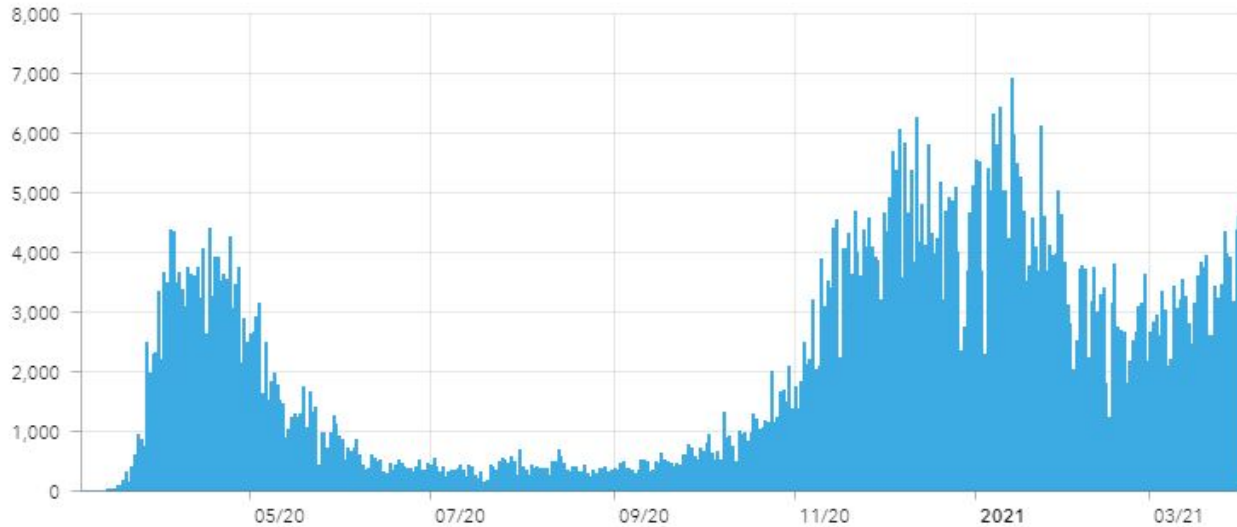
- *The number of students opting for in-person instruction and our ability to maintain social distance and safety for building occupants*
- *District, town, County and Regional health data and guidance of health officials*
- *The health of our staff including consideration for the status of vaccination efforts*

# Impact of Selection Form Collected on March 19:

| School         | Percentage of Students Currently Attending In-Person | Percentage of Students Attending In-Person April 26th |
|----------------|--|---|
| Ridge          | 44%  | 67%   |
| Annin          | 54%  | 73%   |
| Mount Prospect | 48%  | 57%   |
| Cedar Hill     | 62%  | 69%   |
| Liberty Corner | 68%  | 73%   |
| Oak Street     | 80%  | 81%   |

# Health Conditions - State, Current CALI Score

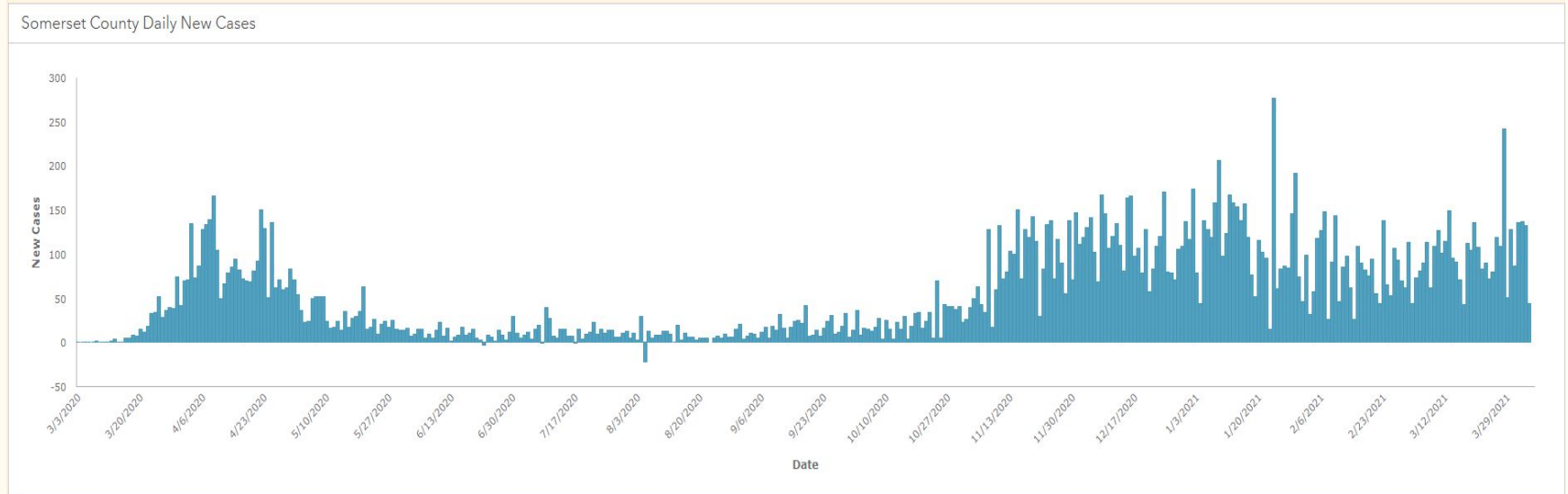
New Confirmed\* Cases Over Time



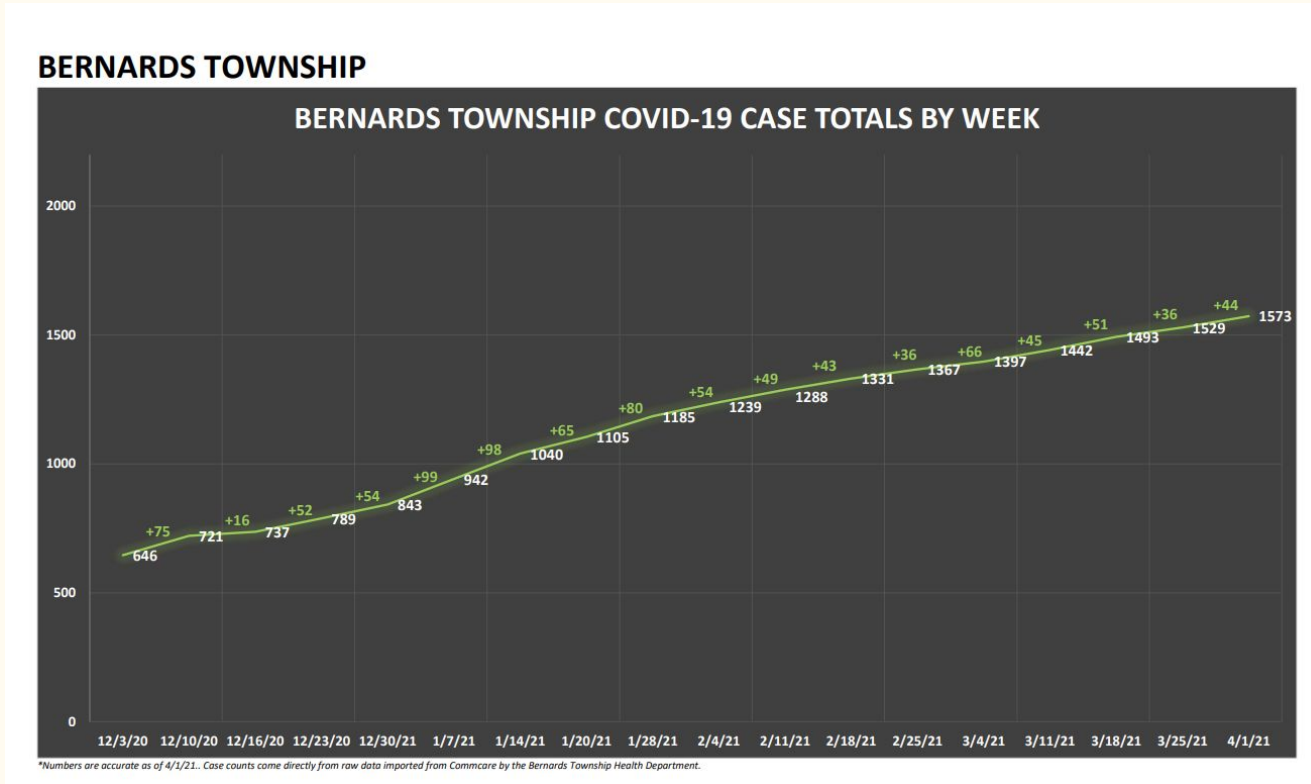
\* Established via PCR testing

Data are provisional and subject to revision with further investigation.

# Health Conditions County, Current CALI Score



# Health Conditions -Bernards Township



# Meanwhile Vaccination Efforts Have Continued

**\*\*The district was able to arrange vaccinations for over 230 staff members through Atlantic Health.\*\***

-All staff were surveyed regarding their vaccination status:

-83% of total staff responded

-**68.8 % of all staff** will likely be fully vaccinated by May 3rd (this number could be higher based on the number of staff who didn't respond or didn't share their status)

- Could be as high as 80% given those staff who did not respond

-An additional 41 staff should be scheduled for a vaccination in the next 3 weeks

# New Guidance On School Operations Issued in March

On March 19 new guidance was issued by the [CDC](#) and on March 23 guidance was issued by [NJDOH](#), key takeaways:

- *In elementary schools, students should be at least 3 feet apart.*
- *In middle schools and high schools, students should be at least 3 feet apart in areas of low, moderate, or substantial community transmission. In areas of high community transmission, middle and high school students should be 6 feet apart if cohorting is not possible.*



# Recommendations:

- Maintain status quo the week of **April 19** (the week after spring break) but provide in-person students the opportunity to be virtual for “travel quarantine”
- Effectuate the March 19 selections on **Monday, April 26** but maintain the same early dismissal (no lunch) schedule for that week
- On **Monday, May 3** begin full day schedules, Monday through Friday for all in-person and virtual students, students will need to bring their own lunch to school

# If ....

- ...there are an overwhelming number of positive cases reported leading up to April 19th, then it is possible one or more schools may need to be all virtual on April 19th.
- ...our regional CALI score stays orange/health conditions are not looking good as we approach May 3, then we would still plan to have K-5 schools open full days for all students but we may have to delay and/or ultimately forego the full day implementation for 6-12 students. We will have the opportunity to evaluate the decision for 6-12 at the April 26th BOE meeting.

# Action Items:

- Verify student schedules and adjust settings in Genesis for changes being made effective April 26
- Prepare new bus passes since PM routes will need to be adjusted to full day timing
- Make plans for students to eat lunch at school with 6 feet of separation both inside and outside of the school building
- Plan for nine period day (~40 minute classes) at Ridge and Annin
- Reschedule specials at elementary schools and rebalance homerooms
- Restage classrooms for more seating
- Order and place any additional barriers that are needed
- Continue to maximize social distancing and other mitigation measures

# Special Education

- **Self-Contained Classes - March 1 - Full Day**

- Pre-school, Elementary BD, LLD, CBAP, and Vocational Skills

- Students and staff are doing well - a slight adjustment to the change
- Closing for close contacts

- **Resource Room & In-Class Support**

- Following the general education ½ day schedules K-12

- There will be continued support when we move to full day

- Opportunities for extra help during the school day
- Contact your case manager if your child needs assistance

- We continue to encourage students to attend and participate in their classes

- Students will continue to use the on-line tools as a way to communicate with teachers outside of the classroom

- **Extended School Year (ESY)**

- On-site July 6th to August 5th
- Extended hours for programs

# Elementary Common Changes

1) How will your schedules be adjusted starting May 3?

- a) Master Schedule,
  - i) Specials
    - (1) Specials (50 min)
    - (2) Passing time
- b) Special Education Schedule
- c) Instructional Support Schedule
- d) ESL Schedule
- e) Spanish Schedule
- f) Related Services Schedule

2) Recess

# LCS Implications

## 1) Average Class Size for In-Person Instruction

- a) Gr K: 18/19
- b) Gr 1: 15-17
- c) Gr 2: 14-16
- d) Gr 3: 19-22\*
- e) Gr 4: 12-21\* (One Virtual Teacher is Returning to In-Person Instruction)
- f) Gr 5: 15-16\*

\*Some classes moved to larger teaching spaces

## 2) How are you handling indoor and outdoor lunch?

- a) Student Desks in Cafe
  - i) Windows Open / Fans On
  - ii) Cleaning before each lunch period
- b) Outside when possible

# MPS Implications

- 1) Average Class Size for In-Person Instruction
  - a) Gr K: 14/15 (One Virtual Teacher is Coming Back)
  - b) Gr 1: 12-13
  - c) Gr 2: 13-14
  - d) Gr 3: 23\*
  - e) Gr 4: 20-21\*
  - f) Gr 5: 18-23\* (One Virtual Teacher is Coming Back)

\*Some classes moved to larger teaching spaces

- 2) Arrival ~ Dismissal Times
  - a) For abbreviated days: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
  - b) For full days: 8:30 AM - 3:15 PM (kindergarten dismisses @3:11)
  - c) Students switching to in-person have received a specific email with pick-up/drop-off instructions

# MPS Implications

- 1) How are you handling indoor and outdoor lunch?
  - a) Same configuration of tables - one grade level per allotted time period
    - i) Two students per table on opposite ends
    - ii) Assigned tables per class; empty tables separate classes; barriers used if less than 6 feet
    - iii) 10 minutes before and after each lunch period for hand sanitizing
    - iv) 10 minutes between each lunch period for cleaning
    - v) All grade levels begin with lunch first, then recess
  - b) Windows Open / Fans On



# OSS Implications

- 1) How will your schedules be adjusted starting May 3?
  - a) Specials
    - i) Specials (50 min)
    - ii) Extra sections will receive their own specials in grade 3 and 5
  - b) Master Schedule, Special Education, Instructional Support, ESL, Spanish, Related Services
  - c) Lunch schedules rearranged to separate larger groups
  
- 2) Average Class Size for In-Person Instruction
  - a) Gr K: 15
  - b) Gr 1: 15
  - c) Gr 2: 19 \* larger spaces
  - d) Gr 3: 19
  - e) Gr 4: 19
  - f) Gr 5: 20

# OSS Implications

- 1) How are you handling indoor and outdoor lunch?
  - a) Plan A - Outdoor lunch (all grades whenever possible)
  - b) Plan B K-2 - classrooms
  - c) Plan B grades 3-5 Cafe , 2 to a table , assigned seats, barriers
  - d) Windows Open / Fans On
  
- 2)

# CHS Implications

- School Schedule - School will be utilizing its normal full-day schedule with some Covid safety measure adjustments.
  - Arrival - Doors continue to open at 8:25 a.m.
  - Specials - Students will attend in each locations except Technology/Computers.
  - Dismissal - Moving to 3:15 p.m; Same procedures as 1:00 p.m. dismissal.
  - Band and Orchestra - Utilizing the lesson room and cafeteria.
  
- Grade Level Schedules
  - Being developed now by grade level.
  - Will include all regular subject areas.
  - Coordinating grade level schedules with Special Education and Instructional Support services.

# CHS Implications

- Class Sizes Following Spring Selection

- Kindergarten :18-19
- 1st Grade:15-16
- 2nd Grade:15-16
- 3rd Grade:16-17
- 4th Grade:15-17
- 5th Grade: 21-22

- Lunch - Students will be eating lunch in the cafeteria and outside when possible.

- Normal, full-day schedule
- BYOL
- Covid Safety measures.

# Secondary Level Changes - RHS and WAMS

- Secondary schedules will return to the traditional 9 period day schedule
- COVID Screening form completion is still required and entrance into buildings/classes may take longer with the increase in students who are returning to in person learning
- Parents should anticipate an increase in traffic during arrival and dismissal as well due to an increase in the number of students riding buses
- Students will be a minimum of 3 feet apart in classrooms and 6 feet apart when eating and unmasked

# William Annin Middle School Implications

- WAMS will follow a 9 period day scheduled with a 3 minute passing time
- Students will continue to report directly to period one with no large holding areas available. The building opens at 7:25 AM and the school day ends at 2:20 PM
- COVID screening form review will occur upon entrance into period 1 and students will be sent out for non-compliance with longer wait times to return back to class
- Teacher availability for class coverages will be significantly limited
- Average In Person Content Class Sizes:
  - 6th grade = 16
  - 7th grade = 15
  - 8th grade = 16
  - Cycles and electives = 20
- End of Year Activities -Still in planning stages - waiting for NJDOE Guidance
  - End of year student celebrations/slideshows/award ceremonies
  - Graduation - TBD
  - 8th grade dance will be cancelled

# William Annin Middle School - Lunch Implementation Plan

- Lunch Plan for Full Day if conditions permit
  - Students will be assigned to their lunch groups by their current advisory assignment
  - Average advisory group size is (some may be larger):
    - 6th Grade = 15
    - 7th Grade = 15
    - 8th grade = 15
  - Students will have 15 minutes for lunch and 15 minutes study hall/advisory
  - Students will be eating lunch in the following areas: cafeteria, in and around the auditorium area with 6 feet of spacing between them while unmasked.
    - Barriers are in place where necessary
    - Each student will have an assigned seat
    - **Students must stay in their seat for the duration of the period**
    - **There is no moving about and no congregating**
    - Student masks are immediately put back on once done eating
    - Students are expected to clear trash/recycling/sanitizing area
  - Weather permitting, teachers will be encouraged to take students to an pre-assigned, safe outdoor location to eat

# Ridge High School Implications

- RHS will follow our standard, nine-period day scheduled with a four-minute passing time.
- Students will continue to report directly to period one with no large holding areas available. Students must not congregate while in the building.
- The building opens at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 2:25 p.m.
- Students will still need to show their Daily Entrance Pass to enter the school.
- Students should continue to use the online pass system
- Teacher availability for class coverages will be significantly limited.
  - Senior privilege will be reinstated
    - Late arrival and Early Dismissal based on schedule
  - There will be no Option II for the remainder of year
    - There is no space available for additional study halls
- Average General Class Sizes: 17-19 students



# Ridge High School - Lunch Implementation Plan

- Lunches

- This is not our normal lunch.
- Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria, PAC, or assigned classroom.
  - All seats are at least 6 feet apart.
  - Barriers are in place where necessary.
  - Each student will have an assigned seat and attendance will be taken.
  - **Students must stay in their seats for the duration of the period.**
  - **There is no moving about and no congregating.**
- Any food must be brought by the student.
- Masks must be worn whenever a student is not eating
- Students are expected to clear trash/recycling
- After the first week, we will explore the possibility of moving students outside after the first 15 minutes of any assigned lunch period

# Ridge High School

- End-of-Year Activities
  - Our goal is to hold as many end-of-year activities as possible
  - Still in planning stages:
    - Proms (Senior and Junior)
    - Awards Night
    - Senior Breakfast/Day
    - Graduation
    - Project Graduation - Bash
  - All information will be emailed and added to the RHS Information Hub when available
    - Constantly changing guidance

# Closing Remarks:

- Travel and spring break - We are encouraging everyone who travels to follow up-to-date CDC and NJDOH guidance. If you believe you may have been exposed to COVID-19 during travel you should follow the quarantine guidance. If you are not traveling but wish to be virtual for the week of April 19th you may do so. Principals will be sending instructions separately.
  - [CDC guidance updated April 2, 2021](#)
  - [NJ Guidance on travel updated April 5, 2021](#)
- Close contacts are still 6 ft/15 min, quarantine is 14 days
- Regional and county CALI scores - want to be in at least yellow or better
- Still awaiting NJDOE guidance for end of year events such as graduation
- Thank you for your vigilance in monitoring the health of your household to help us stay open and improve numbers