December 31, 2021

Good morning Hamburg Community,

This correspondence serves as a means of update to recent increases to the COVID positive rates. As noted in the [COVID 19 Case Rate – Hamburg, NJ](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ULc-u3R2w2ZnyRA_zSk1suO8n1GWvE6z/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=100765838846273252855&rtpof=true&sd=true), our community has seen a substantial increase within the past few weeks. These concerning case increases have resulted in the Communicable Disease Service noting that the Northwest Region (Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren counties) have transitioned back to a “Very High” activity levels in the weekly [CALI (COVID Activity Level) Report](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/). As a result, the Sussex County school leaders have met with the Sussex County Department of Health and the Sussex County Department of Education to address the reopening of our schools.

The most updated guidance was released on December 30, 2021 in the [New Jersey Department of Health: Updates for K-12 Schools](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mTnnaNq9KusTl2QQPf2khGCbJoHUusRx/view?usp=sharing). The **Hamburg School will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022** with increased precautionary measures including:

* Reinstated temperature checks at all door entries
* Increased cleaning protocols
* Following the [CDC Travel Guidance](https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey)

It is very important that Hamburg School maintains accurate records for state required reporting, therefore, we are asking families to communicate any/all travel, as well as, any symptoms and illnesses. To assist in obtaining accurate data, if you have traveled over the holiday and/or are experiencing any COVID type symptoms, please complete the [Hamburg School COVID survey](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Nv8NlgRh3OBHLj78zxJqyEBFCqos9D7OLuS25E_8jkg/edit?usp=sharing)