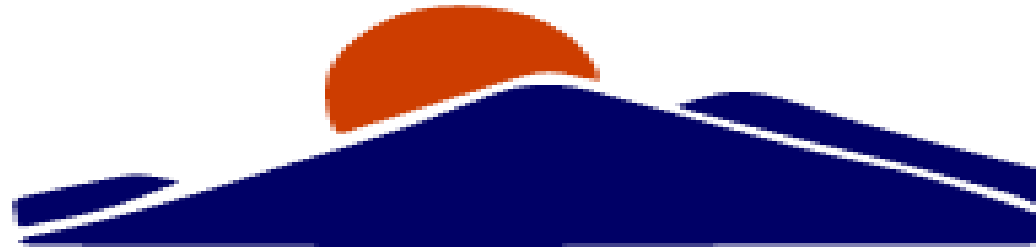


West Orange Public Schools



School Reopening/Hybrid Cohort Update

Presented at:
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January 7, 2021

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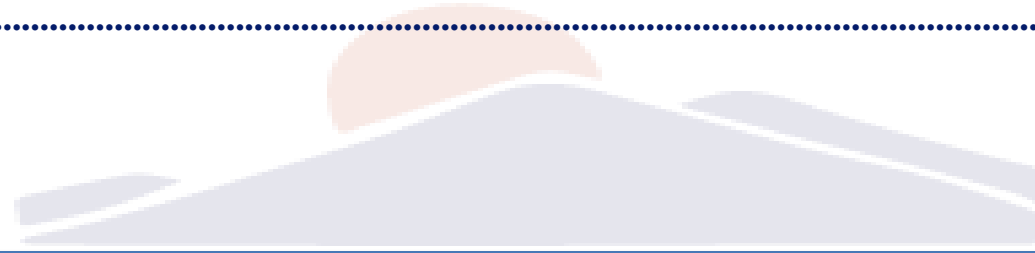
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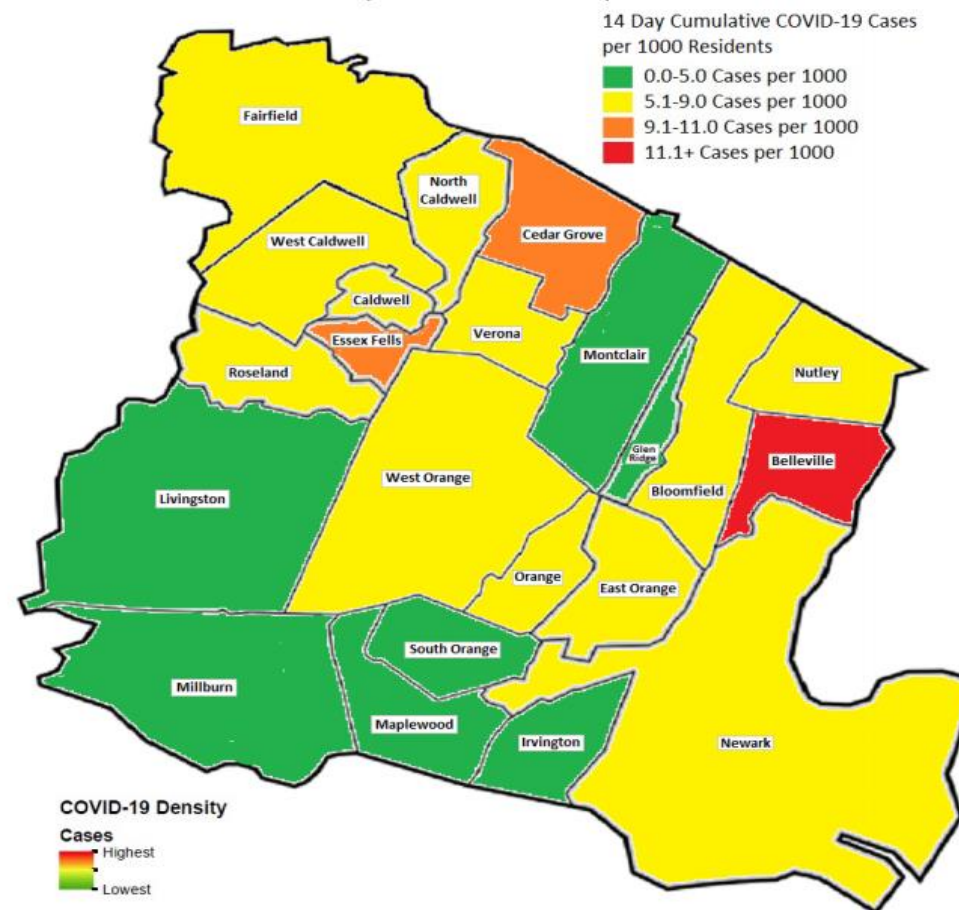
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Public Health Updates

- The daily active cases as of today are 12 lower than on November 10th. They have remained relatively constant since November.
- The local positivity rate as of today according to the West Orange Office of Emergency Management was 8.02% placing our township in the moderate range of risk.
- This is corroborated by the most recent situation report pictured to the right. West Orange is coded yellow denoting “moderate”.
- This decline in positivity rate was projected and explained in my letter to dated December 4th and served as the impetus for our New Year reopening plans.
- The projections and planning have played out as expected.

Situational Awareness Report (SIT REP) #396 - 1/6/2021

Total number of cases per 1000 residents in each town using data from the last 14 days.
(12-07-2020 -12-21-2020)



Opening Dates by Grade Level and/or Program

- **January 19th** [All Staff] Students: Pre-K, Autism
- **January 25th** Students: Grades K-2 Students: K-12
Intellectual & Behavioral Disabilities, 18-21, K-5 LLD
- **February 1st** Students: Grades 3-5
- **February 8th** Students: Grades 6-12

More details will be made available directly from your school regarding schedules

Important Dates

- Tomorrow, Friday, *January 8th*, bus passes will be loaded and accessible to parents in Powerschool. A letter will go home tomorrow with instructions and further information.
- **January 20th** Elementary Curriculum Town Hall
- ELL Parent Workshop **January 14th, 7 P.M.**
- If they have not already, next week, principal letters will go home to parents with all information pertinent to the return to school.
- The updated Hybrid Instruction guidebook will go live on **Monday, January 11.**

Website Resources

Virtual Learning & COVID -19 Resources <https://www.woboe.org/covid19>

The screenshot displays the West Orange School District website's COVID-19 information page. On the left is a blue navigation sidebar with the following links:

- Home
 - > Home
 - > West Orange E-Learning Site
 - > Return to School - 2020/2021
 - > Restart and Recovery Plan and Options
 - > COVID-19 FAQ Related to School Emergency Preparedness
 - > NJDOE Emergency Preparedness Plan
 - > COVID-19 Emergency Resources
 - > COVID-19 Family Support Protocols
 - > Flu & COVID-19 Information
 - > Technology Support - Parents/Students
 - > COVID-19 School Age Tuition Assistance Application

The main content area features a banner for the "West Orange School District School Closing Preparedness Plan". Below the banner, a text block states: "All West Orange district related information regarding COVID-19 will be posted on this page. Please use the navigational links on the left to view specific information regarding those topics." A central graphic for the "PARENT SUPPORT HOTLINE" includes a phone icon, the text "WEST ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS E-LEARNING PARENT SUPPORT HOTLINE", a list of services (Food Services, Technology, Student Counseling Services, Special Services), and the phone number "973-435-9637".

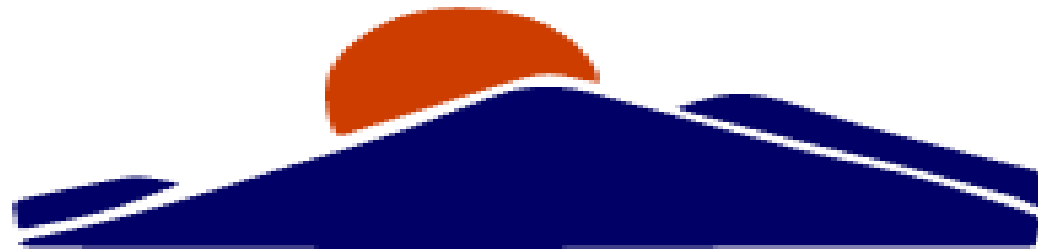
Below the hotline graphic, a text block reads: "Please click the Translate button at the top of this page to translate the content to your specific language." At the bottom, a navigation bar includes "DISTRICT HOME", "OUR SCHOOLS", and a "TRANSLATE" dropdown menu with options for Spanish (Español), Sundanese (Sunda), Swahili (Kiswahili), and Swedish (Svenska). A red arrow points to the "TRANSLATE" button. To the right of the navigation bar is a search bar and a "Sign In" link. At the bottom right, there are icons for "Parent Portal", "Menus", "Calendar", "Google Apps", and "Athletics".

Important Considerations

- Families who wish to change their child's status from hybrid to virtual or vice versa, should consult BOE Policy 1648.02 and/or contact their school. [Remote Learning Policy](#)
 - NJDOH RELEASE (1.1.2021): In the context of an ongoing state-wide second wave, New Jersey continues to experience COVID-19 transmission among school-aged children. In children, signs/symptoms are often mild, and it may not be possible to clinically distinguish COVID-19 from other illnesses. For this reason, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) recommends that any child with COVID-19 compatible symptoms should not return to school until they have either received a negative viral test (molecular or antigen) for SARS-CoV-2 or they have completed an isolation period of at least 10 days since symptom onset and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications with symptom improvement. A purely clinical alternative diagnosis is no longer acceptable.
 - Room Temperature due to damper openings will need to be considered on extremely cold days.

Facilities/HVAC Remediations and Enhancements

- All classroom UV and rooftop units inspected for functionality, replaced filters, and installation of BNPI.
- Air Balancing analysis performed controlling for Mechanical Unit, room size, occupancy and motor speed. Required damper opening determined.
- All univents without functioning dampers will be manually opened for adequate fresh air exchange.
- Exhaust fans repaired and/or installed in bathrooms. Work is ongoing but adequate lavatory spaces are present in all buildings.
- The remaining non functioning windows in three schools will be completed by 1/15/21 now that parts are available to make repairs. All other school windows are functioning.
- Schools with hot water heating systems will have new automated logic controls installed. New controls will provide more reliable control of the comfort in the classrooms.
- Pneumatic thermostats are being replaced in all schools with pneumatic systems. New thermostats will provide more reliable control of the comfort in the classrooms.
- Alarms have been set up and activated via Automated Logic. The purpose is to notify key personnel when there is an issue that needs to be addressed for each building heating system. These alarms will play a key role in ensuring our buildings heating issues are being addressed in a timely manner in an effort to prevent damage within the infrastructure such as coil freeze ups, etc.



Thank you!