

BE SMART...KEEP YOURSELF HEALTHY...KEEP OTHERS HEALTHY

WHETHER YOU ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL OR AT HOME, STAY HEALTHY, STAY FOCUSED, AND STAY POSITIVE



How are the schools keeping everyone safe?

CHANGES TO PROMOTE SAFETY

We have purchased and deployed the following safety measures:

- ✓ Hand sanitizer
- ✓ Protective plexiglass barriers
- ✓ Thermometers
- ✓ Hospital gowns
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Hospital grade disinfectant
- ✓ Towels, tissues, and disinfectant wipes
- ✓ HVAC filters
- ✓ Hospital screens

Every day, students and staff are screened before entering the building. The screening process consists of questions and an infrared temperature scan. If a student answers a question that would result in an unsafe entry or has a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, the student will be denied entrance.

[Check out our daily screening process.](#)

The Challenges of Remaining Open During a Pandemic

Since September 3, 2020, the first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year, the BHPRSD has been following these metrics to determine if changes are necessary.

How many students are now fully remote-learning only? As of close of business on Friday, there are 1,206 students who on a full remote-learning schedule. This number has grown by 203 students since September 3.

How many staff members are now remote-instruction only? Why? There are approximately 28 staff members performing remote-instruction only duties. Staff members may have been placed on remote-instruction only due to one of the reasons allowable under the law. Staff members are not immune to the challenges many families face as schools are open or closed or if someone in their household is medically fragile. While these staff members do not report physically to the school, they are still working remotely. Additionally, if any staff member is required to quarantine due to close contact with someone else who tested positive, they perform their duties remotely, including teaching, if applicable.

Do you have enough substitutes to fill those teacher voids for the days that the students come to that teacher's class? It has been very difficult securing substitute certified teachers. We can sometimes fill a vacancy by having another certified teacher cover those classes, but only if their schedules allow. This is concerning to us.

How many students or staff members have tested positive of COVID-19? Positivity rates and contact tracing has been one of the more complex and challenging responsibilities we have had to undertake since students have returned to school. No staff member has tested positive. We have had a couple students test positive, one of which attended an athletic practice at Triton Regional High School. That impacted many other students at Triton. In second known positive case, that student did not attend school yet.

There are other students who have been in "close contact" or have been a "contact of a contact." Whenever we are notified or find out about potential exposure, we immediately consult with our nursing staff, school physician, and the Camden County Department of Health. The Department of Health provides guidance and direction as to who may be or who must be excluded from attending school. Either the Department of Health or the School will reach out directly to those families affected by potential exposure.

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Please remember to check out website for valuable information and updates about this school year at www.bhprsd.org.

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[How Do I Properly Wear A Mask](#)

[How To Strengthen Your Immunity](#)

[Learn Who Is Hiring In Your Community](#)

[Unemployed and Need Assistance](#)

If you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19 or need support, Call 2-1-1 for information or text "NJCOVID" to 898-211 or click this [link](#) for more resources.

IN THIS ISSUE

A FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH



The outbreak of coronavirus disease may be extremely stressful for people. It is important to remember that everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. Our students, and families are dealing with sudden changes to their regular schedules. According to the CDC, stress during an infectious disease outbreak can include...

- Worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones
- Changes in sleep or eating patterns
- Difficulty sleeping/concentrating
- Worsening of mental health conditions

If your child is experiencing mental health issues we have a counselor in each school prepared to help you with this, please reach out to them via the emails below:

Rio Brodeur, Triton

rbodeur@bhprsd.org

Abigail Altman, Highland

aaltman@bhprsd.org

Ashley Reese, Timber Creek

areese@bhprsd.org

Additionally, these two local resources are offering teletherapy:



Center for
Family
Services
offers

comprehensive outpatient counseling throughout South Jersey. CFS is currently providing teletherapy for individuals struggling with mental health challenges. Students can transition to an outpatient office as they reopen. CFS accepts state and private insurance. To schedule an intake appointment, caregivers should call the access line at 1.877.922.2377.



Center
for
Family

Guidance is offering teletherapy services and in-person visits at their locations in Marlton and West Deptford on select days. Clients can be seen at the Marlton office on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Thursday's. Clients can be seen at the West Deptford office on Wednesday's and Thursday's. To schedule an intake appointment, caregivers should call 856.983.3900.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH FREE TO ALL

ALL students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch every day, whether they are in school or not, for the first several weeks, so long as New Jersey continues their support of this food service program. This is great news for our families. When students enter our doors in the morning, breakfast is a grab & go...and it's free! For those students in school, if they wish to order lunch, every day they will complete a lunch order form. The food will be delivered to their 4th period classroom. The lunch order form can be found on the front page of every school's webpage:

[Timber Creek](#)

[Highland](#)

[Triton](#)

In addition, for those students who are on a remote-only model or do not report to school on certain days, lunch will be provided at each school, every day, at these times: Between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm and between 6 pm and 7pm. You can pick up the school lunches during those times at each school.

FOOD SERVICE PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

Timber Creek – Around the back of the school's auditorium, near the Organic Garden.

Triton – at the student bus circle

Highland - at the "Diz" Gymnasium Entrance, along Blackwood-Clementon Road

And, since the pandemic has spread and caused severe economic changes, we understand that families may be struggling to eat. **Please do not hesitate to email cafe@bhprsd.org or call 856-227-4106 extension 7777, to let us know how we can help provide food to your family.**

We are so appreciative of our cafeteria workers for providing this service to the community.

- The USDA Food and Nutrition Service website has a map where parents can "Find Meals when Schools Are Closed" (It works best if you change the "Show results" to within 15 miles.)
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>
- Food Texting service :
 - Text 'Food' to 877-877 to find sites near you that are serving free emergency meals to kids and teens 18 years old and under during the pandemic and throughout the summertime.
 - Text 'Comida' to 877-877 to find sites in Spanish.
 - How it works: Users text 'FOOD' or 'Comida' to 877-877 and receive a text back prompting them to enter a street address, city, and state and/or zip code for their desired location. While the service is able to return results for inputs that include only city and state and/or zip code, including a full street address will return results that are more accurate.

Chromebook Problems?

By Mr. Concannon

If students are experiencing issues with their Chromebook, they can try the following tips to self-evaluate and fix the problem:

Camera Not Working:

When logging in, allow the app or program to access the camera.

I would suggest logging out of the session then going back in and be sure to follow the prompts or pop-ups when logging into the session. I've seen this happen a few times when cameras aren't working.

It should say "Allow _____ to access camera".

[Webcam/Microphone Article](#)

Cannot Access/iBoss/Slow Chromebook, etc

First, try a hard reboot by holding the "Refresh" and "Power" keys down at the same time.

[Hard Reboot Article](#)

If that does not work, then sign out of the device. Once signed out, next to their name and icon there is a down arrow. Click on the down arrow and select "remove user". Once they've removed themselves, have them sign back into the Chromebook using their BHP Gmail account information. Please make sure to sign in to the classroom with the same information.

[Remove User Article](#)

Closeout any unneeded tabs (can cause Zoom/Meet issue).

Slow Chromebook/Apps not working

The Chromebook should update automatically. If it does not, you can force it to update by navigating to "About Chrome OS" in the Chromebook settings.

[Chrome OS Update Article](#)

Trackpad Disappearing

To fix a mouse not showing up on the Chromebook, try a hard reboot. This is done by holding "Refresh" and "Power" down at the same time.

[Track Pad Article](#)

General

Here is another helpful article on general Chromebook problems that students can follow to troubleshoot:

[Fix Chromebook Problems Article](#)

THE CHALLENGES OF REMAINING OPEN DURING A PANDEMIC: CONTACT TRACING

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What is contact tracing and who is involved?

Contact tracing is the process of identifying who is positive, when they tested positive, and those that may have been exposed during a period of time. In our high schools, anyone and everyone is responsible for reporting a known or potential positive COVID-19 case. We immediately notify the Camden County Department of Health and gather information from the individuals involved. We or the Department of Health make contact with those who may need to be quarantined and excluded from school as a result of potential exposure. Within our high schools, the school nurses have taken the lead in contact tracing, but several other administrators are involved in each case.

How many phone calls or notices has the school received thus far?

It is important to understand all of the avenues from which we receive reports. We receive reports from the Department of Health directly about a known positive case. We also receive reports from students, parents, staff members, and community members about information they have about themselves or others. We have received over 40 notices that students or staff were identified as having been in "close contact," lives with someone who has been exposed, or has been a "contact of a contact" of someone who tested positive. Majority of those notices were "contact of a contact" cases, which presents the lowest risk. As you can imagine, this takes a tremendous amount of time and energy to perform the following tasks:

1. Gather pertinent information
2. Call the Health Department
3. Identify close contacts (someone within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes)
4. Identify any special circumstances
5. Discuss context and situation with Health Department
6. Determine exclusion and/or remote learning actions
7. Notify families or students of report
8. Follow-up with families, students, or Health Department

Any student or staff member who has been identified as having been a "close contact" of someone who tested positive will be notified by the Department of Health or the School.

The Department of Health will dictate whether or not a school must close. In order for that NOT to happen, we need all students to stay home from school or extra-curricular activities if they are not feeling well, not adhering to social distancing, even with friends, or have been around someone else that has not been feeling well or social distancing. This will help safeguard everyone in our schools.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

NJSIAA continues to permit schools to participate in Fall Sports. Their message can be found [here](#).

Essentially, there will be a shortened season and limitations on travel and spectators, but student athletes are working hard to prepare for play. If you are coming to the school to watch an athletic contest, please adhere to these guidelines:

- All spectators must wear a mask while on school property.
- Spectators, not in the same household, are to social distance, 6 feet apart or more, on the side-lines.
- There may be limits on how many spectators we can permit. For any event held in our stadium, there will be capacity limitations in place. Only those with passes or tickets may enter.

For detailed information on NJSIAA Phases for Return to Play, please go [HERE](#).

For detailed information on eligibility and forms for your student athlete, please go the following school web links:

[Timber Creek](#)

[Triton](#)

[Highland](#)

TECH SUPPORT

[The Board of Education
Presentation on Return to
School](#)

[Why Social Distancing
Works](#)

What is Google Classroom Anyway?

Want to know what your kids are doing in Google Classroom? Check out this video tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Inif8Khwqp0&feature=youtu.be>

All of Governor Murphy's Executive Orders can be found at:

https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo_archive.html

Other BHPRSD News:

BHPRSD approves budget with a 2.42% Tax Decrease

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/gloucestertownship/black-horse-pike-school-budget-includes-tax-cut-approved>

[Superintendent Repici August 27, 2020 Return to School Letter](#)

Contact our School Counseling Offices:

Highland H.S. 856-227-4100 ext. 4036 or 4037

Timber Creek H.S. 856-232-9703 ext. 6052 or 6053

Triton H.S. 856-939-4500 ext. 2021 or 2022

School and District Information Can Be Found:

www.bhprsd.org

www.facebook.com/bhprsd

Twitter Feeds

@HighlandHS

@TimberCreekHS

@TritonHigh