



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 and resources,
Call 2-1-1 or text "NJCOVID" to 898-211 or go to our or click the link provided [HERE](#)

November 20, 2020

Dear Parents/Students,

Please be advised that the Kingsway Regional School District will extend all-virtual instruction through the week following Thanksgiving. Therefore, we anticipate reopening our schools to hybrid learning on Monday, December 7. We will continue to monitor case rates for our region as well as Gloucester County's daily rates and, if necessary, adjust plans accordingly.

The reasons we have extended our all-virtual program are as follows:

1. The New Jersey Department of Health has categorized the Southwest Region as **HIGH Risk**. As a result, the NJDOH has recommended that *schools consider implementing all-virtual programming*.
2. COVID Case Rates have jumped in our region to [38.63 for the week ending November 14](#). This rate has more than doubled in the past two weeks. For the week ending October 31, case rates were reported to be [14.88](#). Case rates were just 4.99 at the end of September.
3. Traditional Thanksgiving celebrations often include festive gatherings of family and friends. While public health experts have advised against traditional gatherings to slow the spread of COVID ([CDC Advisory](#)), school officials cannot be certain how the holiday will be celebrated. Therefore, the decision to push our return to in-person hybrid instruction to December 7 is made out of an abundance of caution as we intend to create some distance between the holiday and the reopening of school. We hope this additional time will mitigate the possibility of transmission once we reopen.
4. Our schools have seen a surge in positive cases consistent with the rising case rates throughout the Southwest region. This surge has compelled administration to increasingly isolate, quarantine and contact trace students, faculty and staff. For example, we had 54 positive cases in the first two weeks of November. Kingsway's case rates these past two weeks are nearly four times higher when compared to the first nine weeks of school. I am sharing positive coronavirus cases to date and will continue to monitor positive cases specific to our school community and share appropriately. Please note, we do not have any in-school transmissions and all cases reported below have resulted from out-of-school/off-campus activity.

DATE RANGE	STUDENTS		FACULTY/STAFF	
	High School	Middle School	High School	Middle School
11/8 – 11/14	17	6	1	0
11/1 – 11/7	26	4	0	0
9/8 – 10/30	13	1	3	0

Home of the Dragons

The schedule for the next two weeks will be as follows:

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th
Synchronous (Live) Virtual Instruction	Asynchronous/ Support Day	Synchronous (Live) Virtual Instruction	Thanksgiving – School Closed	
30 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Synchronous (Live) Virtual Instruction	Asynchronous/ Support Day	Synchronous (Live) Virtual Instruction	Asynchronous/ Support Day	Synchronous (Live) Virtual Instruction

All-Virtual Schedule Student Information

This linked resource may help students/parents better understand our fully virtual schedule. Click [HERE](#).

Student Expectations in All-Virtual

Synchronous Learning Days (M, W, F)	<p>Students will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access Schoology and attend virtual class meetings • Follow the fully virtual bell schedule • Attend each class in their schedule (required) • Engage in learning • Health/Physical Education classes will offer wellness sessions from 2:10 – 2:45 pm. Teachers will communicate details via Schoology.
Asynchronous Learning Days (T, R)	<p>Students will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access Schoology and engage in learning assignments and activities (required; attendance recorded via Schoology activity) • Seek support or enrichment via office hours or scheduled class times. • While the student day is flexible, students who thrive with routine should consider following their bell schedules

Office Hours and Additional Support

Morning office hours are available for our students on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:05 – 8:40 am. Afternoon office hours are available (every day) Monday through Friday from 2:10 – 2:45 pm. Students may also access their assigned teachers on Tuesdays and Thursdays during their scheduled class time. For more information, students/parents can reference their teacher’s Schoology page for access links.

High School Athletics – Delayed

The NJSIAA has delayed the return-to-play for all winter sports. Our athletic department will continue to communicate information regarding registration and schedules as we move closer to January. See start dates below.



SPORT	PRACTICE START	COMPETITION START	COMPETITION END
BASKETBALL, BOWLING	January 11 th	January 26 th	February 17 th
SWIMMING, WINTER TRACK	February 1 st	February 16 th	March 27 th
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL, WRESTLING	March 1 st	March 16 th	April 24 th

School Meals

Be advised that our Food Service Program will continue to offer free school meals during virtual learning. Bundled 5-days' worth of lunches will be distributed over Wednesday behind the Middle School between 10:00-12:00. If you would like to pick up lunches, please contact the food service department 467-3300, ext. 4227.

How can I protect others and myself?

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19 and encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, including:

- Stay home when you are sick;
- Follow the isolation/quarantine rules explained to you;
- Wash hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Cover coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limit close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practice social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wear a face covering while not at home; and
- Continue to monitor your health for symptoms.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this change in schedule may cause our families. Our commitment to your health and wellbeing is our top priority. You can assist us by remaining vigilant and responsible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions or need information about testing, contact the Gloucester County COVID-19 Hotline at (856) 218-4142.

Very truly yours,



Dr. James J. Lavender
Superintendent of Schools

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Superintendent's Updates

- [Superintendent's Update - All-Virtual Student Bell Schedule - Posted 11.13.2020](#)
- [Superintendent's Update - Shift to All-Virtual Extended Through Thanksgiving - Posted 11.12.2020](#)
- [Superintendent's Update - Kingsway Temporarily Closes to In person Instruction - Posted 11.10.2020](#)
- [Superintendent's Update Spike in COVID Cases - Posted 11.9.2020](#)
- [Superintendent's Fall Recess Message - Posted 10.30.2020](#)
- [Superintendent's Reminder - Schedule Change Week of Oct. 12th - Posted 10.9.2020](#)
- [Superintendent's Update - Posted 9.28.2020](#)
- [Superintendent's School Community Update - Posted 9.11.2020](#)
- [NJDOH Public Health Recommendations for Schools - Posted 8.24.2020](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) - Posted August 1, 2020](#)
- [Superintendent's KR Reopening Plan Update No. 2 - July 31, 2020](#)
- [Superintendent's Preliminary School Reopening Schedules Letter - July 23](#)
- [2020-21 District Calendar](#)

Resources

- [NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Activity Level Weekly Reports](#)
- [Schoology](#)
- [Student Expectations and Procedures for Live Virtual Meetings](#)
- [Student Requirements for Learning in a Hybrid Environment](#)
- [Faculty: 2020-2021 Best Practices & Guidelines for Hybrid/Virtual Teaching.](#)
- [Parents: 2020-2021 Hybrid/Virtual Learning Program & Overview](#)
- [New Jersey's Restart & Recovery Plan: The Road Back](#)
- [CDC's Health Guidelines](#) & [CDC's Considerations for Schools](#)
- ["You need to 'mask train' your kids before schools reopen.... Here's how to do it."](#)
- ["mask-endurance"](#)
- [Please Support Our Local Restaurants, Eateries and Businesses](#)

