

# Hampton Public School

*“Inspiring our community to thrive and engage in a dynamic learning experience.”*

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**To: Parents/Guardians, Teachers, and Staff of Hampton Public School**

**From: Timothy J. Frederiks, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent**

Dear Hampton Community,

The school year has begun! As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, Hunterdon County and its schools are committed to safe in-person learning for students, teachers, and staff.

This can only be achieved if the County, public and private school systems, parents, and students work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools, particularly with the rise of the highly contagious Delta variant.

As part of this effort, Hampton is pleased to announce that we, along with schools across Hunterdon County, will be partnering with New Jersey Department of Health’s testing provider Mirimus, Inc., to offer a FREE COVID-19 screening testing program.

The program relies on mandatory weekly testing of all unvaccinated teachers and staff, per Executive Order #253.

This method will allow early detection of COVID-19 in pre-symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals. Early detection means more effective risk mitigation strategies preventing the virus from spreading in schools. Preventing school outbreaks is key to ensuring our schools stay open to provide the education and support our children need.

Unvaccinated teachers and staff are mandated to test under the Executive Order. All other employees may take advantage of the program at their option. The program will use non-invasive, self-collected saliva samples that are appropriate and painless for all ages. Samples will be processed using accurate and reliable PCR analysis—the gold standard of COVID-19 testing— to identify positive cases.

If you are an affected school employee, [click here](#) to read and complete the registration, consent and HIPAA release forms. More information can be found [here](#).

There are no waivers or exemptions to this policy and your cooperation is appreciated. Failure to test may result in negative employment actions.

If you have any questions, please contact our School Nurse, Susan Straight, RN, MSN CSN-NJ.

Thank you,

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