



NEW JERSEY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents and Advocates,

As we approach the new year, we want to thank you for all the work you are doing to keep our kids safe and learning. We know that we will continue to serve you as best we can in 2021. Have happy holidays!

New Jersey's Holiday Guidance

NJPCSA encourages you to have an enjoyable holiday break, however for your safety and the safety of other students, faculty and staff, we encourage you to stick to the recommended precautions to prevent the spread of covid-19. Everyone should limit their celebrations to only members of their immediate household, but if you do gather, here are some important tips:

- Limit the number of attendees so that people can remain six feet apart.
- Plan ahead and asks guests to avoid contact with people outside of their households for at least 7 days prior to the gathering, and encourage them to get tested.
- Guests should avoid direct contact with others outside their household while attending the gathering.
- If gathering indoors, keep windows open for proper ventilation.
- Provide attendees with masks, hand sanitizer, tissues and more if you are hosting, and remind your guests of the precautions they should be following.
- Follow proper quarantine practices after these gatherings by limiting contact with other for

14 days.

Download the COVID Alert NJ app today!

COVID Alert NJ is New Jersey's free and secure mobile app that anonymously alerts users if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The app also provides users with up-to-date information on New Jersey reopening news, key COVID-19 metrics, and a user-friendly symptom tracking tool. COVID Alert NJ uses Bluetooth proximity technology. The app will never record any identifying data. All users will remain anonymous. [You can find more information here.](#)

COVID-19 Testing

Testing is available all over New Jersey. If you need to get tested, go to covid19.nj.gov/testing to find a site near you! There you can also find a helpful symptom tracker, free public testing locations, and more!



WISHING YOU AND YOURS
HAPPY HOLIDAYS



State Updates

- The first vaccines have arrived in New Jersey this week! The first phase of vaccinations will focus on health care workers, both paid and unpaid, as well as staff and residents at long term care facilities. We will continue to update you as vaccination news develops.

Member School Shoutout

- Over 100,000 lights cover Camden Charter School Network's school property in Camden, NJ. The space has been transformed into a Winter Wonderland with different themed areas using blow-ups, lights and even diffusers spill magic aromas into the night! Drive thru, park and walk Monday through Friday 5pm-8pm or [sign up](#) for the Winter Wonderland Drive-In Sing Along. Find more information [here](#) and [here](#).

