

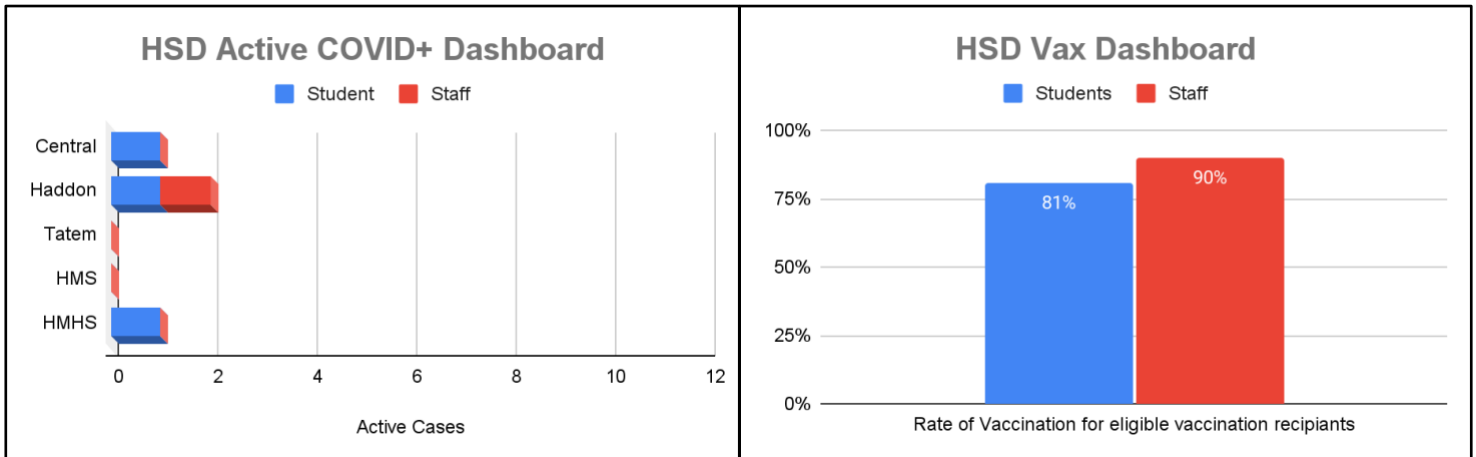


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HSD Cases #17-#19



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

This letter informs you that three (3) individuals in the Haddonfield School District have tested positive for COVID-19. All contact tracing, if any, has been completed.

We continue to ask parents to keep their students home at the first signs of [COVID symptoms](#). Also, please notify your school nurse as soon as you receive a COVID+ test, which helps the school district respond in the most efficient manner possible.

You will notice that for Case #18, the student was in school pending a COVID test result; this is a topic currently being reviewed by our District Pandemic Response Team. Specifically, to examine whether fully vaccinated, asymptomatic individuals who proactively took a COVID test should be excluded from school pending test results (e.g., following travel, COVID contact not requiring exclusion); this will take on additional significance when the district rolls out our in-district COVID testing program on/around October 18 (more details to follow), whereby parents may provide written consent for weekly COVID testing for any reason (including proactive testing).

The testing program is mandatory for all unvaccinated staff/contracted workers, and available as an option for students and fully vaccinated staff/contracted workers. This program is fully funded by the State of New Jersey.

While we try to consolidate these notices to be more efficient in our communications, please note that the [HSD Active COVID+ & Vax Dashboards](#) are updated daily and available on the HSD website.

Please [click here for the most up-to-date version of HSD's COVID-Related Decision Tree](#).

Case #17: Haddon

- The individual is a juvenile male (under 10).
- The individual was symptomatic on Monday, October 4. He was tested and received results on Tuesday, October 5.
- According to guidelines, there is a “look back” period beginning two days before symptom onset, or, if asymptomatic, 2-days before testing, which in this case is Saturday, October 2.
- The individual was last in school on Monday, October 4.
- Based on currently available information, it is unclear whether this individual contracted the virus in school.

Case #18: HMHS

- The individual is a female in her 10s.
- The individual was asymptomatic. She was tested on Saturday, October 2, and received results on Monday, October 4.
- According to guidelines, there is a “look back” period beginning two days before symptom onset, or, if asymptomatic, 2-days before testing, which in this case is Thursday, September 30.
- The individual was last in school on Monday, October 4.
- Based on currently available information, it is unlikely that this individual contracted the virus in school.

Case #19: Haddon

- The individual is a female in her 30s.
- The individual was symptomatic on Thursday, October 7. She was tested and received results on Friday, October 8.
- According to guidelines, there is a “look back” period beginning two days before symptom onset, or, if asymptomatic, 2-days before testing, which in this case is Tuesday, October 5.
- The individual was last in school on Tuesday, October 5.
- Based on currently available information, it is unlikely that this individual contracted the virus in school.

Please note that all COVID+ messages sent by the district are archived on our website at <https://haddonfieldschools.org/covid-messages-2021-22/>.

Sincerely,

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