

## The Brooklyn Public Schools

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**COVID Updated 3/25/2021**  
**Connecticut COVID-19 Response**  
**Northeast District Department of Health**  
**Free Priority Testing Sites**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you are well and had an opportunity to conference with your child's teacher. This letter is to inform you about the schedule over the next two weeks as well as Brooklyn's protocol regarding travel out of Connecticut. The Brooklyn Board of Education discussed the following schedule changes and travel advisory guidance and quarantine.

**Schedule:**

- Friday, April 2nd: There is no school for Good Friday
- Monday, April 5th: Regular day of school 9:15-3:15
- Tuesday, April 6th: **One hour delay, school starts at 10:15** due to staff vaccinations
- Wednesday, April 7th: **Remote Learning Day. All students will log in from home for live instruction OR if staff are not feeling well, students will be able access pre recorded lessons in Google classroom**
- April 19-23rd: NO SCHOOL, Spring break
- Monday, May 31st: No School, Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 10th: Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony, Outdoor celebrations
- Friday, June 11th: Last day of school for Grades PK-7

**Travel Advisory and Quarantine:** On March 19th the CT Executive Order regarding travel expired. The State of Connecticut recommends that we follow the CDC Guidance regarding travel. The Brooklyn Board of Education agreed that the Brooklyn Public Schools will follow the CDC Guidance. Please be aware that if you travel, you are required to stay home and be tested.

**CDC Travel Guidance: Get Tested and Stay Home After Travel**

- Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
  - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
  - If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

We are very happy to be back to school. I want to make you aware that the COVID cases and positivity rates have risen for the last four weeks including multiple cases in our schools. Brooklyn is still in the red which means that we have over 25 cases per 100,000. Brooklyn has had 40 new positive cases in the last two weeks with a 5.5% positivity rate. **We must remain vigilant and follow all the mitigation strategies. There is still plenty of COVID and we have variants in our area. If you travel, please follow the CDC Guidance listed above. Please communicate with the school nurse regarding travel and keep children home if they have any symptoms. We want to be able to finish out the school year in person without quarantining!**

Sincerely, Patricia Buell

**Mission:** The Brooklyn Schools will foster a drive for learning within each student to reach his/her greatest potential. To achieve this mission, the school will continually improve its educational programs and services to meet this community's expectations for a quality education for all.