

## The Queen City Academy Charter School

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Dear QCACS Community,

It is my hope that you all enjoyed some family time and rest this past holiday weekend! As we look forward to 2022 and starting the second half of the school year we are optimistic that this year will yield many successes for our scholars and school community. We know that there will undoubtedly be challenges that arise and require us to be flexible. However, at QCACS we will move forward as "Failure is Not an Option"!

As the COVID 19 Omicron variant moves throughout New Jersey and we are seeing an uptick in positive cases. QCACS has been able to mitigate the spread by implementing additional safety measures, allowing us to maintain the same level of programming that our scholars and families have enjoyed over the years.

Over the last several months with returning to in-person learning we have seen how much our scholars benefit from being in-person and it is our intention that we continue to hold learning in person, which will resume on January 3rd. We realize that our scholars and families will potentially spend time at larger than normal gatherings, which may increase risk of exposure to COVID 19. For this reason our district is implementing additional safeguards to ensure the health and safety of all as part of our reopening. We are asking all those families that have not yet opted into our pool testing please do so using the link QCACS Pool Testing. We will test our community on January 3rd, 4th, and 6th to monitor our school community. Implementing such strict testing requirements after the holiday will allow us to keep our buildings open. Below are the steps that families must follow to be allowed back onto both our elementary and high school campuses on January 3rd.

- Share a negative COVID 19 PCR Test taken within seventy-two hours of return (At home test are not allowed) There will be onsite FREE COVID19 testing December 31st from 9am -12pm at 815 W. 7th Street
- 2. Complete the daily health survey by 5am (the survey is emailed by 7pm on January 2nd)
- 3. Arrive wearing a mask and bring an extra mask for use throughout the day.

QCACS administration will continue to communicate with the New Jersey Department of Health / Plainfield Health Department and the New Jersey Department of Education concerning the local COVID 19 transmission rates. Should additional guidance be provided and it impacts our opening status we will inform you via email and blackboard connect by January 2nd.

We look forward to welcoming our school community back for the New Year on January 3, 2022!

Educationally Yours, Mrs.West-Augustin QCACS CEO