Students remain on virtual instruction amid spike in COVID infections

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northfield — with the Omicron variant of COVID-19 rapidly spreading throughout the state, the New Jersey National Guard was deployed Jan. 6 that the National Guard would be deploying to long-term care facilities throughout the county to assist with COVID-19 outreach efforts and augment facilities’ staff.

He said the deployment is an extension of Joint Task Force COVID Guardian, a mission that began in February 2021 to serve the community since the first weeks of the pandemic.

“The time is now, the New Jersey National Guard will deploy to the long-term care facilities throughout the county to assist with COVID-19 outreach efforts and augment facilities’ staff,” he stated Jan. 6. “We hope to have that soon and will return students to in-person learning immediately after.”

Carusello urged the community to help keep schools open.

“I am not alone in every community that is experiencing record numbers of COVID-19 infections among children and adults. I am asking that all families stay home, use COVID-19 testing kits as frequently as we can and if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms or any kind of diet or simply not feeling well, please contact the school nurses for further advice,” he continued. “I am here for their health and safety of long-term care residents while the Omicron variant spreads throughout the nation.”

First District Assemblyman Robert W. Arrom, who is also superintendent of Atlantic City’s school district, stated the district hopes to maintain in-person instruction for the remainder of the year because officially fully remote learning cannot maintain the value and importance of keeping students in school.

Lower Township Elementary School retired to in-person learning. Superintendent Jeff D. DiSaia stated COVID numbers had decreased between students and staff and the Board of Education transported his recommendation for children to return in person.

Jan. 10 — Cape May City Elementary School added to many positives COVID cases in the county, staff and students that have tested positive, and in current contact, and the health and safety of all students and staff.

Lower Township Elementary School returned to in-person learning. Superintendent Jeff Sa-