



# SADDLE BROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **COVID-19 School Notification - Positive COVID-19 Case in School**

**December 22, 2020**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that we have multiple new cases of **Coronavirus** Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The first individual was at **Washington School**. That individual was last in school on December 11, 2020 **and is believed to have been contagious at the time**. **As per the guidance of the Bergen County Health Department, the 48 hour lookback from onset of symptoms or positive test and the close contact definition, we have 2 members of the district staff who needed to quarantine. Those people have already been notified by school employees.**

The second individual was at **the Middle/High School**. That individual was last in school on Friday, December 18, 2020 **and was NOT symptomatic at that time**. **As per the Bergen County Health Department, the 48 hour lookback from onset of symptoms or positive test and the close contact definition, no one from the district needs to quarantine for this case.**

We have **three** other cases for individuals who have not been present in school since their onset of symptoms or positive diagnosis due to self-quarantine, the school closure post Thanksgiving, or their fully remote status. **These cases pose no "close contact" threat to any of our faculty, staff or students. Close contact is defined by the [NJDOH](#).**

Lastly, we had **one** 24-hour quarantine at **Franklin School**, where an individual was symptomatic and considered a presumptive positive case. As a result of our orange zone status in New Jersey, a full class of students and some faculty members needed to quarantine pending the outcome of a COVID-19 test result. That test result was negative and the quarantine ended quickly.

As part of our protocols, the Bergen County Health Department was contacted in all cases. The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, state, county and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. **If any further developments occur, you will be notified.**

Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas is being completed. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs, cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily, multiple times daily, and sometimes by the hour. We utilize numerous approved disinfecting and cleaning products that destroy COVID-19 as well as other viruses and bacteria. We are monitoring the status of this situation very closely.

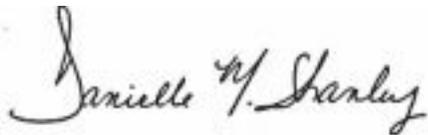
We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#) promoted safeguards, such as:

- Avoiding social gatherings and indoor restaurants;
- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap often and for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering;
- Getting a flu shot to prevent taxing the medical systems with flu outbreak; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for COVID related symptoms.

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. **We are relying on parents to guide their children in making good choices about social distancing and mask wearing when outside of school.** Inattention to these matters can eventually bring the virus into the schools and impact all of the good work we are trying to do. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact your school nurse or your principal. See next page for contacts.

**\*\*\*We are relying on parents to notify us when their children are sick, or when they have tested positive for COVID-19. Even if your children are fully remote, and even during the holiday break, PLEASE notify your school principal should your children test positive. We will be monitoring cases closely to determine our collective health for re-opening of in-person, hybrid instruction beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2021 (BLUE day).**

With all good wishes for continued health,



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