



# SADDLE BROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **COVID-19 School Notification - Positive COVID-19 Case in School - SCHOOL CLOSURES and VIRTUAL Learning**

**December 2, 2020**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to remind you that we have had multiple cases of **Coronavirus** Disease 2019 (COVID-19) within the district within a 14 day period. We also have a few “presumptive cases” of those who may have come in contact with infected individuals, and who are now symptomatic, but who may still be waiting for their COVID test results to return. When that happens, we provide quarantine directives for faculty, staff and students who may have come in contact with those presumptive positive individuals.

The region is in the Orange Zone now, which is considered a HIGH rate of positive cases (above 10%). The rates within the Saddle Brook community have dramatically increased in the last three weeks. We are feeling the impact of this in our schools right now. I know how important it is for schools to remain open. Students need to attend school and have some sense of normalcy whenever possible. I also understand many of you are concerned about the safety of your children. If you travelled this past Thanksgiving holiday, or spent time with people outside of your immediate household, ***we are instructing you to keep your children home for 14 days from your day of return from travel, or from the last day you came into contact with people outside of your immediate household.*** Your children can work from home, and will receive credit for attending classes when on time and completing their work. If you need to change your child’s cohort to purely virtual, you **MUST** contact your principal. Our goal is to keep everyone healthy as we approach the upcoming holidays. Our administrative team doesn’t want anyone to be quarantined unnecessarily during what is supposed to be the most magical time of the year.

As part of our protocols, we routinely contact the Bergen County Health Department. The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and Mayor White, and following CDC, state, county and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. The CDC has changed its guidance on quarantine time frames (7-10 days). But until the Bergen County Health Department and the State of NJ provides different guidance, we will continue with 10 days for positive cases and 14 days for close contacts.

[Please review the most recent guidance from the NJ Department of Health to K-12 Schools - updated 11/19/2020.](#)

### **\*PLEASE NOTE\***

Due to positive and presumptive positive cases affecting multiple staff members in key roles within the district, we will be implementing the following **closures** with fully VIRTUAL LEARNING in place:

**MS/HS - FULLY VIRTUAL through and including December 9, with a return to hybrid (blue day) on Thursday, December 10.**

**\*NEW\* - Long Memorial School - FULLY VIRTUAL through and including **December 11**, with a return to hybrid (blue day) on Tuesday, December 15.**

**COVID TESTING HAS RESUMED at Bergen Community College. For information of dates and times, please follow this [LINK](#). If you would like to get tested, you may register [HERE](#).**

For the County of Bergen - Contact: Derek Sands  
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Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas will be 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 every situation very closely.

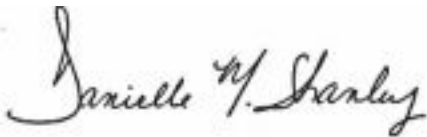
We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#) promoted safeguards, such as:

- Avoiding social gatherings, and keeping gatherings small with immediate household members only;
- 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.

Additionally, please watch your children and yourselves for [signs and symptoms of COVID](#).

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.

With all good wishes for your continued health,



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