



# SADDLE BROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**January 21, 2021**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

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

The first two individuals were at **Smith School**. Those individuals were last in the building on **January 19, 2021 and are believed to have been contagious at the time**. **As per the guidance of the Bergen County Health Department, we have individuals who were identified as “close contacts” who must quarantine for 14 days**. Those families have already been notified by school employees. **Close contact is defined by the [NJDOH](#)**.

The third individual was at **Franklin School**. That individual was last in the building on **January 19, 2021 and is believed to have been contagious at the time**. **As per the guidance of the Bergen County Health Department, we have individuals who were identified as “close contacts” who must quarantine for 14 days**. Those families have already been notified by school employees. **Close contact is defined by the [NJDOH](#)**.

**Please understand that guidance is updated regularly and changes all the time**. For these three cases, we were originally advised to quarantine siblings of “close contacts” as well. As per the most recent and updated guidance from the [Department of Health on January 19, 2021](#), secondary contacts such as SIBLINGS do **NOT** have to quarantine unless parents want to keep them home, or unless someone in the household develops symptoms.

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.**

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.

**\*\*\*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, PLEASE notify your school principal should your children test positive.**

With all good wishes for continued health,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danielle M. Stanley". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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