



SADDLE BROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

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

The case today is a presumptive positive individual at **the Middle/High School**. This individual unknowingly had close contact with an infected person and became symptomatic late on January 21. This individual was last in the building on Thursday, January 21, and also present on January 19, and was considered contagious at that time. **As per the guidance of the Bergen County Health Department, and the 48 hour lookback from onset of symptoms, we have individuals who were identified as “close contacts” and who must quarantine for 14 days.**

Some “close contacts” may return to school on February 3, and others on February 5. Those families and staff members have already been notified by school employees. **Close contact is defined by the [NJDOH](#).**

We realize this poses an unfortunate conflict with the PSATs tomorrow morning for some students. However, we must prioritize the health and well being of our school community.

It is also important that we do not victimize people who are sick. No one did anything wrong in this situation, and they followed all protocols we have in place for mitigation of risk.

*****The Middle/High School will be [open for hybrid instruction tomorrow, January 26](#), (it's a BLUE DAY) and for PSAT testing for students who have not been required to quarantine.**

*****The impact this case has had on our staffing, and the inability to secure enough substitutes for coverage and safety of all the students, the Middle/High School will be moving to**

ALL REMOTE instruction on WEDNESDAY, January 27 - through February 2nd, with a return to hybrid on Wednesday, February 3rd (a gold day).

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

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:

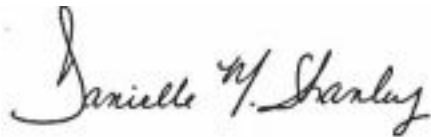
- Avoiding social gatherings and indoor restaurants;

- 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,



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