



SADDLE BROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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COVID-19 School Notification - Positive COVID-19 Cases in School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that we have 2 new cases of **Coronavirus** Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

1. The first case today is a positive individual at **the Middle/High School**. We were notified today that an individual tested positive, and was last in the building on Thursday, January 21. **As per the specific guidance from the Bergen County Department of Health, and the directives for multiple cases in one school, we have been advised to close the middle/high school to all activities.** At this time, we do not believe there was any faculty, staff or student identified as a "close contact" within the school. Close contact is defined by the [NJDOH](#).

*****The Middle/High School will be ALL REMOTE instruction on Wednesday, January 27 - through Wednesday, February 10th, with a return to hybrid on Thursday, February 11th (a blue day).**

Teachers may not teach from within the building.

Athletic teams must also abide by the closure.

There will be no recreation department activities in the HS/MS gyms during this period of time.

2. The second case is a positive individual at **Smith School**. This individual has not been in the building since January 20th, and was not believed to be contagious at that time. **At this time, we do not believe there was any faculty, staff or student identified as a "close contact" within the school.** There is no further action we must take at this time.

*****Reminder: Smith School is still ALL REMOTE, and will return to hybrid on Tuesday, February 9th (a blue 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;

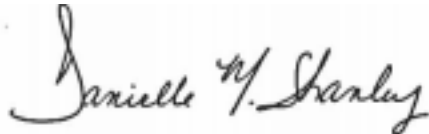
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering;
- Getting a flu shot to prevent taxing the medical systems 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.**

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

With all good wishes for continued health,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danielle M. Stanley".

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