



SADDLE BROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

March 3, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that we have multiple new cases within the district:

1. A Total of **9 individuals** at the Middle/High School have **tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**. Some of these individuals were in contact with others in the school today March 3 and/or yesterday on March 2, 2021. In some cases **contact tracing and quarantines are required**. As part of our protocol, the Bergen County Health Department was contacted. **When a building has 2 or more disconnected cases, the school must shift to fully remote instruction for 14 days**. 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 school community. **All in-person middle and high school co-curricular and extra curricular events, and high school athletics are prohibited during this time. The Middle and High school will return to in person instruction on Thursday, March 18, 2021.**
2. One individual at Long Memorial School **tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**. This individual was **NOT** present in the school building with symptoms nor during the contagious period. As part of our protocol, the Bergen County Health Department was contacted. 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. **This is not a contact tracing notification. The time frame indicates no one from the district needs to quarantine. If any further developments occur, you will be notified in a timely manner. Close contact is defined by the [NJDOH](#).**

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;
- 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.

With all good wishes for continued health,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle M. Stanley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

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