



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 multiple NEW cases within the district:

1. Since the last notification, we have an **additional 3 individuals** who tested positive for COVID-19 at the **Middle/High School**, this is a total of **12 active cases** Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in this building. As part of our protocol, the Bergen County Health Department was contacted. **Reminder: 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. Anyone who is required to quarantine has already been notified by school officials.**
2. One individual at **Franklin School** tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). This individual was present in the school building on March 5 with symptoms and is believed to have been contagious at that time. 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. **As a result, faculty, staff and students have been identified as "close contacts" and are required to quarantine. All close contacts have been notified by school officials.**

If any further developments occur, you will be notified in a timely manner. Close contact is defined by the [NJDOH](#).

After weeks of decline, the state is seeing increases in cases for February 25 - March 3. The Saddle Brook School District has seen its total active cases (measured by the total within a two weeks window) hit an all time cumulative high of 32, faculty, staff and students testing positive. More than 100 people have been identified as close contacts and have been required to quarantine during that time. Meanwhile, there is mounting pressure to open schools. The region and district is still in the **ORANGE zone**, our rate of positive cases in Bergen County is 25 per 1000, and our district has realized the impact of this. See [NJ.COM article here](#).

This week, we will welcome another group of remote learners returning to the live classroom setting. The district will continue to analyze the state and regional data, and the local positive COVID case numbers to protect the health and safety of the students and staff before we make any additional changes to our schedule. The decisions we make **MUST** be data driven.

Please do not allow sunshine and warmer days to distract us from our need to regularly socially distance, wear masks and disinfect our hands. Please do not send sick children to school. 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. 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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