



SADDLE BROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

I write to address concerns and questions regarding the current COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our school community. We have been informed that a member of our School District community has tested positive for COVID-19. We have consulted with the Department of Health, which confirmed the case. Please note, the Department of Health will contact anyone in our community who is at-risk as a result of this positive result. Those at-risk individuals who reside outside of our community will receive notification from their appropriate Department of Health.

The identity of any person that tests positive for COVID-19 is protected under state and federal privacy laws. Disclosing the name of an infected person would expose the District to serious liability and penalties, and is in violation of the law. We will never disclose an individual's name.

Given the nature of this pandemic, we anticipate more positive cases and trust the Saddle Brook Health Department will guide the community through whatever processes are necessary. We hope that our proactive closing of the schools due to this national emergency has helped to mitigate the spread of the infection. The Saddle Brook Public School District will continue to work closely with public health officials, assist in any manner possible, and keep our School community well-informed.

You can review the Bergen County daily press releases regarding COVID-19 on their website link: <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/public-information/press-releases>.

As recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), please contact your health care provider if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, or shortness of breath. If you have any questions, you should call New Jersey COVID-19 and Poison Center public hotline at 1-800-962-1253 or 1-800-222-1222 or visit www.cdc.gov or www.nj.gov/health. **Confirmed cases of Covid-19 should be reported to the Saddle Brook Department of Health at (201) 587-2900.**

As a reminder, the CDC recommends every day preventative actions to limit the spread of respiratory viruses: Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home unless you are an emergency worker or identified essential employee.
- Do not visit friends, attend parties, gatherings or playdates.
- Stay off playgrounds; Saddle Brook playgrounds are closed.
- Should you have to leave your home for food or medicine, remain 6 feet away from others.

Wishing you good health,

Sincerely,