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

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that we have **5 new cases** within the district:

- 1. Four individuals at the Middle/High School have tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). These individuals tested positive on Tuesday, March 23, and were last in the building on Monday, March 22, and on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Multiple groups of students and staff members must quarantine for 14 days. ALL MEMBERS of the Freshman, JV and Varsity Volleyball teams will also need to quarantine for 14 days. Each affected individual will receive a phone call and email from the HS staff. Please be patient as this will take some time this evening.**

The Middle/High School will shift to ALL REMOTE instruction beginning tomorrow, Thursday, March 25. There will be NO athletics and NO extra/co-curricular activities through Tuesday, April 6.

In person athletics and extra/co-curricular activities can resume on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

In-person instruction at the MS/HS will resume on Tuesday, April 20th.

“Quarantine” is defined by the NJDOH as the physical separation and confinement of an individual or groups of individuals, who are or may have been exposed to a communicable or possibly communicable disease and who do not show signs or symptoms of a communicable disease, from unexposed individuals, to prevent or limit the transmission of the disease to unexposed individuals. Individuals who are quarantined must remain HOME for the entire time. **We are finding individuals (in district) who are showing symptoms on days 12, 13 and 14 of their quarantine periods. These guidelines are very important to prevent community spread.** With the upcoming holidays, we remain very concerned about gatherings and spread of the virus.

Reminder: MS/HS is now in the combined cohort phase with all students eligible for 4 days of in person instruction each week. The next opportunity for remote students to return to in person instruction is Tuesday, April 20. Please contact your guidance counselor, VP or principal to arrange a return time should you want your child to return from remote status.

- 2. One individual at Franklin School tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). This individual was last in the school on March 18, 2021, and tested positive on March 23, 2021. According to the 48 hour lookback period, no one in school has been identified as a close contact. This is **not** a contact tracing notification.**

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. **If any further developments occur, you will be notified in a timely manner.**

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.

[PLEASE REVIEW UPDATED CDC GUIDANCE for Schools HERE](#)

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:

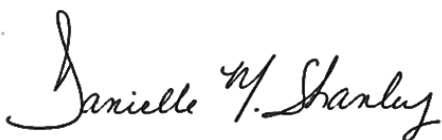
- Avoiding social gatherings;
- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap often and for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing 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.
- Getting Vaccinated against COVID

After weeks of decline, the State is seeing increases in caes. You can view the [Coronavirus Tracker here](#). The region and district is still in the **ORANGE zone. 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. Don't Forget Weekly COVID Screenings in Genesis.

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,



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