



SADDLE BROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

April 1, 2021

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 5 individuals** who tested positive for COVID-19 at the **Middle/High School**. Since the school is currently on remote status, these individuals were not in the building. As part of our protocol, the Bergen County Health Department was contacted.
2. Two individuals at **Smith School** tested positive for **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**. These individuals were in the building on 3/25 and 3/31. **These individuals did have close contacts while in the building. All close contacts required to quarantine have already been notified by school personnel.** 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. Close contact is defined by the [NJDOH](#).**

***“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: As of April 20, ALL SCHOOLS will be in the combined cohort phase with all students eligible for 4 days of in person instruction each week. As of April 20, there will be NO MORE blue and gold cohorts! All Students will attend school 4 days a week in person, OR be fully remote.**

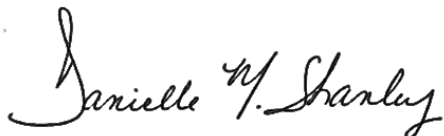
*****April 20 is also a date for *remote* students to return to in-person instruction. Should you want your remote child to return to in-person instruction, you MUST contact your child’s principal, VP or counselor.**

As part of our protocol, the Bergen County Health Department is always 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. [PLEASE REVIEW UPDATED CDC GUIDANCE for Schools HERE](#). 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.**

NJ [Travel Advisory](#) Information

With the upcoming holiday, family gatherings and anticipated travel arrangements, I cannot emphasize enough the need to remain vigilant during the next few weeks. Your attention outside of school will determine whether or not the doors stay open. You can assist us by remaining safe and sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Please do your part.

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.

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