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COVID-19 School Notification, Positive Case in School

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Dear Members of the Rochelle Park School Community:

This letter is to inform you that an individual at Midland School has been identified as a “symptomatic, presumed positive” for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Under the direction of the Bergen County Health Department, a “symptomatic, presumed positive” that is pending official test results is to be treated the same as a positive case, for the purpose of community health and safety. The individual was last in Midland School on Monday, November 16, 2020. All persons considered possible close contacts and falling into the category of having to specifically quarantine because of close contact, as determined by the Bergen County Health Department, have already received private individual communications. The purpose of today’s communication is to keep you informed of the district’s incidences related to COVID-19.

This case is unrelated to the communication sent on November 16, 2020 which resulted in Midland School implementing a full remote, on-line learning platform that started on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Though the two cases are unrelated, the 14 day closure of the building is the same (Tuesday, November 17, 2020 through Monday, November 30, 2020). The district anticipates resuming the hybrid model on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

The District continues to coordinate closely with public health officials and to follow CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas continues. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily. The status of this situation is fluid, and we are monitoring it closely.

As in prior communications, we encourage all members of our community to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
 - Washing hands often with soap 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 while in school; and
 - Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.
- If you have had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 10 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19 please remain at home and seek medical guidance before coming to school.

Upon our December 1, 2020 return to Midland School, should any student or staff member not feel well and there is uncertainty about his/her ability to report to Midland School, or has been in close contact

with a person with confirmed COVID-19, please stay home and contact either Mr. Alberta, Principal, Mrs. Meyers, School Nurse, or me for further guidance. Below are some resources that might be helpful.

Please know your health and safety is our priority. Your support and cooperation is most needed and appreciated. Please continue to partner with us by remaining vigilant and sensible in your approach to navigating through this time and responding to this pandemic. As this remains a fluid situation, and as updates may be warranted, communications will be shared with you. Please remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Sue DeNobile

Dr. Sue DeNobile, Superintendent

RESOURCES

- a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml
- b. Get the Facts about Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- c. Symptoms of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptomstesting/symptoms.html>
- d. Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>;
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>
- e. How to Protect Yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-gettingsick/prevention.html>
- f. What to Do if You Are Sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/stepswhen-sick.html>