



# Rochelle Park School District

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## **COVID-19 School Notification, Positive Case in School**

December 13, 2021

Dear School Community Members:

The purpose of today's general communication is to keep you informed of the district's incidences related to COVID-19, as well as important information regarding collaboration with and notification to the school. Please take the time to fully read this notice.

Several individuals at Midland School have been identified as positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). One case was identified from December 10, 2021 and two other cases were identified on December 11, 2021 and reported to the school today, December 13, 2021. All persons considered possible close/primary contacts and falling into the category of having to specifically quarantine because of close contact are receiving private individual communications from the school nurse, administration, and / or teacher(s).

The district will be establishing a "COVID-19 Tracker" that will be shared with you in the near future. Rather than sending general announcements by way of this type of letter, the COVID-19 Tracker will be available for reference at all times on the district website. Whenever there is an addition to the Tracker an alert notice will be sent to you via the district's notification system. Please visit your Realtime portal to ensure your family contact information, including email and cell phone number(s) are all up to date and accurate.

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. Practices for contact tracing, and requirements for quarantining for those who test positive and for those who are identified as possible primary contacts will continue to be implemented in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Health guidelines.

As in prior communications, we encourage all members of our community to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and New Jersey Department of Health promoted safeguards. The importance of continuing to monitor for symptoms, remaining home and not exposing oneself to others when not feeling well continues to be of importance. While this has been on-going, there is a heightened need for this as there is an increase in incidences of positive cases following the Thanksgiving break. COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI) Report published by the New Jersey Department of Health Communicable Disease Service continues to be published weekly and is available at <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/>. As of the week ending December 4, 2021 the state's CALI report has returned the entire state "Orange" - indicating a "High Level" of transmission across New Jersey. Unfortunately, this school community is also experiencing an increase in positive cases.

Please take all necessary precautions to practice the recommended health and safety guidelines. *It is also imperative that you keep your child at home if he/she is unwell. Always consult with the school nurse, Mrs. Meyers, so she may give you the necessary guidance and discuss with you the appropriate time for your child to return to school. Furthermore, if your child or a member of your household receives a positive COVID-19 test result after school hours it is critical that you email a notice to Mrs. Meyers, School Nurse, at [smeyers@rochellepark.org](mailto:smeyers@rochellepark.org), and Mr. Alberta, School Principal, at [malberta@rochellepark.org](mailto:malberta@rochellepark.org), to provide them the opportunity to address the matter and conduct contact tracing prior to the start of the school day.* When done, this helps reduce the possibility of primary contacts returning to the building, reducing the chances of spreading COVID-19, and reducing the need for last minute calls to families to unexpectedly pick up their child(ren) who may not remain at school.

**Resources regarding Midland School's 2021-2022 Reopening Practices are available at:**  
<https://www.rochellepark.org/cms/lib/NJ01001874/Centricity/Domain/201/2021-2022%20Re-Opening%20Practices.pdf>

**Resources regarding symptoms, safety practices, masks, physical distancing, quarantining, and more:**

[https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/RecommendationsForLocalHealthDepts\\_K12Schools.pdf](https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/RecommendationsForLocalHealthDepts_K12Schools.pdf)

**Resources regarding quarantining are available at:**

[https://www.nj.gov/education/broadcasts/2021/aug/11/Educating%20Students%20During%20Quarantine\\_.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/education/broadcasts/2021/aug/11/Educating%20Students%20During%20Quarantine_.pdf)

[https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/school\\_health\\_and\\_safety\\_standards.pdf](https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/school_health_and_safety_standards.pdf)

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fif-you-are-sick%2Fquarantine.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fif-you-are-sick%2Fquarantine.html)

If your child has been vaccinated for COVID-19, please contact Mrs. Meyers to share information about their vaccination status. This information is kept confidential as with all other student medical health records. The significance of sharing this information helps when conducting contact tracing and knowing whether your child would need to quarantine should he/she be identified as a possible contact.

Please know your health and safety has been, and will continue to be our priority. Your support and cooperation continues is essential to this process. As there are changes in COVID-19 levels and guidelines from the State and CDC, we will adjust our practices accordingly so we may continue to provide a safe and healthy community to all of our members. Please continue to partner with us, and do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Meyers, Mr. Alberta or me should you need further guidance.

Sincerely,

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