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Dear Members of the School Community at James Madison School #10,

This letter is to inform you that an individual at James Madison School #10 has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to ensure the health and safety of our community**. Contact tracing has been completed and any individuals who are identified as close contacts have been notified and will be in quarantined.**

Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas will be completed. The school is taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and is cleaning all classrooms and offices as well as frequently touched surfaces daily. As you are aware, the custodians are required to leave notes on classroom doors verifying the cleanliness and sanitization of the classrooms.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage you 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.
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.
- Avoiding non-essential travel to other states and countries.

As always, we appreciate our school community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact the District Nursing Supervisor, Tana Raymond, at 973-340-5000, ext. 2318, your building principal and school nurse.

Below are some resources that might be helpful.

RESOURCES

a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml

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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

Sincerely,

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