

April 3, 2020

To Our School District Community:

The Egg Harbor Township School District ("District") received notice that one of our staff members has tested positive for Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"). This is the first confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in the District of which we are aware, we were notified that this individual contracted COVID-19 after schools were closed. The Atlantic County Department of Health will be following all related protocols issued by the State Department of Health for case investigation and contact tracing. As part of this assessment, notification to all other individuals who have been identified as close contacts of the staff member will follow. In accordance with privacy laws, we are unable to release any personally identifiable information about this staff member. We request that you respect the health privacy for the individual and their family at this time. We will continue to monitor this situation and provide you updates as needed.

Out of an abundance of caution, and as we have previously suggested, we ask that all students and families monitor themselves for any symptoms, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath. If you should develop one or more of these symptoms, please call your healthcare provider for guidance.

Please know that we continue to collaborate with local and state officials to best support our school community. As occurrences of COVID-19 become more prevalent throughout our area, we encourage everyone to continue to practice social distancing by remaining at home with your family; you should only go out for work or to obtain essential items. Practice good hand washing and respiratory etiquette for coughs and sneezes. Please follow all Federal, State, and local health advisories.

We understand that you may have questions regarding COVID-19. We urge you to consider the many resources available from the Atlantic County Department of Health, the New Jersey Department of Health (hotline information 1-800-222-1222), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

In addition, NJ 211 has been activated to answer questions for New Jersey residents about sickness, spread, testing, travel, etc. in relation to COVID-19. Simply dial 2-1-1, or text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive information and stay informed. These reliable resources will help answer your questions and educate your family about how best to protect yourselves.

The health, safety, and welfare of our staff and students is of the utmost importance to us. As I continue to say this is a time like no other, this is the time to work together, care for yourself, be kind to others and be #EHTStrong.

Additionally, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Respectfully,

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