



January 7, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that an individual at Voorhees Middle School tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on January 7, 2021. This individual was last in school on January 4, 2021. The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. Due to the factors in this instance, there were additional individuals who were required to quarantine. The staff and/or parents of the students involved were contacted.

Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas has been completed. The District continues taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily. The District has also utilized the ultraviolet sanitation equipment in all of our schools nightly. The status of this situation is fluid, and we are monitoring it closely.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#) promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often;
- 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.

Additionally, the district will work with the Department of Health with regard to contact tracing. If you are identified as a close contact (within 6 feet for 10 minutes or more), you will receive an additional notification via an email and phone call within 24 hours. No further action is required if you do not receive an additional notification.

As always, we appreciate our 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 my office at (856) 751-8446 ext. 6122. 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
- 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/symptoms-testing/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-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- f. What to Do if You Are Sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

Sincerely,

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