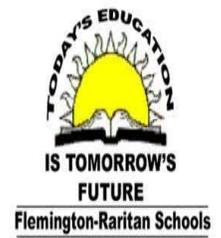


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Dear Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Faculty, Staff, Families and Community Members,

This evening the District received multiple updates from the County Health Department regarding COVID-19 exposure in three schools; Francis A. Desmares Elementary School, J.P. Case Middle School, and Copper Hill Elementary School. [Previous letters are linked here](#). As the situation continues to unfold concerning contact tracing, additional information about the known cases at J.P. Case Middle School was determined. One student from J.P. Case Middle School was in school for in-person instruction last week on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Contract tracing continues this evening by the Hunterdon County Health Department.

If more information is received by the Department of Health about other exposures in our schools, the District will communicate necessary information. I expect there may be more to share as contract tracing is completed. I urge families to cooperate with Department of Health officials so that contract tracing is accurate and complete. This protects everyone's health and safety. Discussions with the health department staff are confidential. This means that the information you provide will be kept private and only shared with those who may need to know, like your health care provider and our school nurse. Please answer the phone if someone from the county health department calls you; please answer the call to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

We must follow very specific procedures with our partners at the DOH and are not able to share any additional identifying information about any positive cases. The DOH will contact anyone who has been in close contact with an ill person with quarantine instructions within 24 hours. If a student or an employee is given quarantine instructions, the student or the employee will be required to stay home and quarantine for at least 14 days. For students, this means they may not come to school on in-person instruction days during the quarantine period. The student will have access to our remote instruction program during this time.

COVID-19 has the following symptoms: fever (temperature of 100.4 or greater) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, a new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. If children experience any of these symptoms, it is critical for them to stay home from school. If you have any questions about symptoms or any other concerns for you or your child, please consult your physician.

Wishing you good health,

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