

March 1, 2020

Dear Rahway Public Schools Community,

To support good health in our students and staff, the district is monitoring alerts concerning Coronavirus (COVID-19) and following the current guidance posted by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the New Jersey Department of Education.

Anyone who thinks they may have been exposed to Coronavirus should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

Should it become necessary, preventing the transmission of Coronavirus is through the same measures that the district uses to contain other communicable infections such as influenza (flu), MRSA, and common colds. In addition to our regular cleaning protocol, when any communicable infections are reported our custodial staff treat high-touch areas with heavy duty disinfectants/sanitizers. These high-touch areas include, but are not limited to, desks, doorknobs, tables, computer keyboards, district phones, water fountains, and lunch tables.


Our schools monitor attendance and emphasize the importance of individual measures found helpful in preventing the spread of infections. As with any respiratory illness, we urge our students and staff to continue to follow the public health recommendations for being 24-hours fever-free before returning to school. Moreover we remind everyone that individuals can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses by taking the following steps:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or a tissue and throw away tissues.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home if you are sick, especially with a fever.

Additional information and guidance can be found here:

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

Thank you for your cooperation – let's all stay healthy.



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