



November 21, 2020

Dear Brigantine Community:

This letter is to inform you that a non-certificated staff member in a select PreK classroom in our district has received a positive test result 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 assure the health and safety of our community. The Atlantic County Department of Health will work closely with our staff and students to identify and communicate with all possible close contacts. School **will** be open on Monday, November 23, 2020 and please note that this event is unrelated to the recent closure this past week. **Anyone who has had close contact with the staff member has been contacted by the school. If you did not receive a call and/or email, you were *not* identified as a close contact.**

Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas has been completed. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily, as well as air scrubbing. The status of this situation is fluid, and we are monitoring it closely as we are committed to the safety and health of the Brigantine School Community.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents, students and staff 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; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

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. 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,

Glenn Robbins
Superintendent of Schools