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

The district received notice of a positive COVID-19 case of a staff member who was last on campus on January 21. Our District nurses follow all contact tracing guidelines from the Department of Health.

Whenever contact tracing determines that your child or a member of our staff or faculty has been in contact with an ill person, our district nurses will communicate guidance to all those that are determined to need to quarantine. This process starts immediately with the reporting of the case. We continue to have staff, faculty, and students that must quarantine due to positive cases. Please remember to wear a mask, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and follow all health and hygiene recommendations. The goal to keep our school doors open for our community requires that everyone take precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19. We are not able to share any other identifying information about positive cases due to the [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\)](#).

**New Recommendations for COVID-19:**

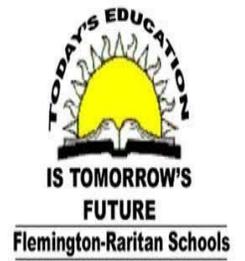
The district is now following the most recent recommendations from the New Jersey Department of Health. Updated on January 19, the [COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for K – 12 schools](#) removes the recommendation for schools to exclude close contacts of individuals with COVID-compatible symptoms. While COVID activity in Hunterdon County remains high, schools should continue to exclude staff and students if they have:

- Tested positive (viral test) for COVID-19 - Confirmed cases of COVID-19 should stay home until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset and at least 24 hours have passed after the resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications and improvement in symptoms.
- COVID-19 compatible symptoms - All individuals with COVID-19 compatible symptoms who have not been tested should stay home until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset and at least 24 hours have passed after the resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications and improvement in symptoms. An alternate diagnosis (including a positive strep test or influenza swab) without a negative COVID-19 test is not acceptable for individuals who meet COVID-19 exclusion criteria to return to school.
- Potential exposure to COVID-19 from - Close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the past 14 days (exclude for 14 days); engaged in domestic and/or international travel in the past 10 days (exclude in accordance with NJ Travel Recommendations and essential employees).
- Siblings of a student who has symptoms and meets COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria should be excluded from school until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test result. If the symptomatic individual tests positive, the sibling is required to self-quarantine.

The Hunterdon County Health Department has updated the *COVID Information Center* website to include the most up to date information on Isolation and Quarantine guidelines, vaccine clinics and availability, testing, and local data and information. View the DOH site for the latest information at <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/coronavirus.html>. The Department of Health offers these links: <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/Coronavirus/clinics.html> and [https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_vaccination.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_vaccination.shtml) for more information.

To help families that live in Hunterdon County and those that work in Hunterdon County, the County offers a free COVID test. You can find the link [here](#) to order a free COVID-19 test. If you have any questions about symptoms or

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any other concerns for you or your child, please consult your physician or speak with one of our school nurses.

Wishing you good health,

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