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

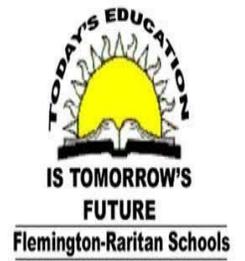
The District has received notice of two positive COVID-19 cases of students at Copper Hill Elementary School and one positive case of a teacher from Barley Sheaf Elementary School. The students from Copper Hill were last in the building on January 4. The teacher at Barley Sheaf was last in the building on January 6. The District is committed to communicating with families information that is confirmed in real-time to the greatest extent possible; therefore, multiple messages will continue to be shared when relevant and necessary.

This week's [COVID-19 CALI Report](#) continues to show Hunterdon County in the "orange." Hunterdon County is included in the Central West region of New Jersey on the [COVID-19 Regional Risk Matrix](#). We continue to be notified of multiple students, staff, and faculty quarantined due to the COVID-19 level "orange-high risk" exclusion criteria. We are rising to the challenge, but it is increasingly difficult to manage the number of staff, faculty, and students who are required to quarantine and be excluded from school. The District is working diligently to keep students, staff, faculty, and our community safe from the spread of COVID-19 and keep our doors open for in-person instruction.

Staff, students, and faculty must stay home if they have:

- ❑ Tested positive (viral test) for COVID-19; for individuals with close contact with a confirmed case, NJDOH continues to recommend a 14-day quarantine. While we remain in the high COVID Activity level, close contacts of positive and students with COVID-like illness should continue to be excluded from school.
- ❑ COVID-19 compatible symptoms which include: 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, they must stay home from school. If you have any questions about symptoms or any other concerns for you or your child, please consult your physician or speak with one of our school nurses. In children, signs/symptoms are often mild. For this reason, the New Jersey Department of Health recommends any child with COVID-19 symptoms not return to school until they have received a negative viral test or they have completed an isolation period of at least 10 days since symptom onset and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications with symptom improvement. A purely clinical alternative diagnosis is no longer acceptable.
- ❑ Potential exposure to COVID-19 from close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- ❑ Engaged in domestic and/or international travel in the past 10 days, unless they are exempt from the quarantine recommendation due to being an essential worker:
  - ❑ [NJ Travel Advisory](#)
  - ❑ As confirmed by the Hunterdon County DOH: *Travelers and residents returning from any U.S. state or territory beyond the immediate region (New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) should self-quarantine at their home, hotel, or other temporary lodgings following [recommendations from the CDC](#): (Essential employees are excluded from the travel advisory.)*
    - *If travel is unavoidable, travelers should consider getting tested with a viral test (not an antibody test) 1-3 days before the trip and again 3-5 days after the trip.*
    - *If travelers test positive, they should self-isolate for at least ten days and should postpone travel during that time.*
    - *If travelers test negative, they should quarantine for a full seven days after travel.*
    - *If testing is not available (or if the results are delayed), travelers should quarantine for ten days after travel.*
  - ❑ [CDC After You Travel](#).

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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.

Wishing you good health,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kari McGann".

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