



# Clark Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I wanted to provide you with an update regarding the coronavirus. We, as promised last week, are continuing to closely monitor the associated progress. In our community, we remain at a low risk level at this current time. Our close work with Pritchard Industries, the company that is responsible for our custodial services, around the disinfecting of our schools is continual. For example, our custodians, on an ongoing, daily/nightly basis, are cleaning and disinfecting our classrooms and bathrooms with even extra diligence; filling our disinfectant dispensers; and carefully disinfecting our telephones and door knobs.

We are also continuing to collaborate with the Township Health Department. They would require us to close school if a student, staff member, or someone in the household of a student or staff member tests positive for the virus. The New Jersey Department of Education recently advised us that the days of closure would count towards the 180-day requirement provided that we deliver remote instruction. Each teacher has access to a Genesis class page that they can communicate with parents and/or students through. That page can be linked to Google Classroom or the Remind app or directions to, for instance, more traditional textbook work can be posted on the Genesis page. If we are required to close and such remote instruction is needed, we are advising our teachers to follow whichever approach (e.g., Google Classroom, the Remind app, or a more traditional approach) that they would adhere to under more typical circumstances. With that being said, I will be directing all parents/guardians to those Genesis class pages as the initial point of contact with our teachers for the sake of consistency across the district should remote instruction become needed.

Please keep the everyday tips for staying healthy that were shared last week in mind. That letter from last week is still posted on our district website. The above plan will hopefully not need to be enacted, and we will all remain healthy. This thinking and planning will obviously expand and perhaps even change as the situation develops and we learn more. For example, the State is supposed to release a template to help guide our planning, and this template might help in shedding some additional insights. As I already communicated to our staff, we are certain to get through this situation as smoothly as possible since we are a strong school community. We are here should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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