

To all members of the Leonia School Community,

I want to thank everyone for the support, cooperation and patience as we embark on a new journey - distance learning for our Edgewater and Leonia students. Below is today's update regarding the Coronavirus

School Closings Update

The Leonia School District buildings will continue to be closed through Friday, April 3, observing the distance learning protocols previously provided to all students. Spring break is already scheduled for April 6 through April 10; therefore, **the current plan is to reopen Leonia School District Buildings on April 13, 2020** (subject to conditions at that time).

Self-Quarantine

Because a staff member at Anna C. Scott School has tested positive for Covid-19, all staff and students at Anna C. Scott School should immediately begin a period of self-quarantine, extending **through Saturday, March 27, 2020**. This means that you should remain in your homes and monitor yourself for any symptoms. If you are feeling unwell, you should contact your physician.

If you or your immediate family is tested positive for Covid-19, please notify Dr. Bertolini immediately. You may reach him at bertolini@leoniaschools.org, his office phone (201) 302-5200 x1200 or his cell phone (201) 815-8470. Medical information you provide to the District will be kept confidential.

We cannot and will not identify individuals who have tested positive for Covid-19. HIPAA regulations require that we keep this information confidential. Please understand if anyone in your family is ill, please contact your medical provider.

Health Resources

Update from the New Jersey State School Nurses Association:

[COVID-19 Guidance for School Settings](#)

NJ Department of Health Resources regarding Coronavirus and Covid-19:

[COVID-19](#)

Bergen County Department of Health

[Novel Coronavirus - Info & Resources](#)]

Have general questions about COVID-19? Call the public hotline!

Call the NJ COVID-19 & Poison Center Public Hotline at

1-800-962-1253 or 1-800-222-1222

Food Distribution

We will be distributing lunches and breakfasts for students in our lunch program from 11:00-1:00 at two pickup locations. Leonia residents can pick up at Leonia Middle School. Edgewater residents can pick up at Eleanor Van Gelder School. Breakfast/lunches have also been delivered to homes when families cannot go to LMS or EVG. **Today the lunch delivery system has worked very well.**

If you are part of the lunch program and have not yet confirmed that you will be picking up meals or need delivery to your homes either in Leonia or Edgewater, please email Maria Kubat at Kubat@leoniaschools.org call 201-302-5200 x1203.

Computer Distribution

If your child needs a computer to be able to participate in distance learning, you may borrow a Chromebook from the District. Please send an email to Dr. Bertolini to request a Chromebook at bertolini@leoniaschools.org Chromebook distribution will take place at Leonia Middle School from 8:30-11:00.

Educational Resources and Distance Learning

Instructions for distance learning were shared with students and families last week. Teachers will continue to communicate with families to support distance learning and share additional resources with students and parents. Questions regarding distance learning should be directed to the students' teachers via e-mail. E-mail addresses can be found in the District's [Directory](#).

Attendance Procedures

While students are participating in Distance Learning, attendance will be taken in the following ways:

- Anna C. Scott School: Attendance procedures depend on the grade level and will be verified by parent signature on work packets already distributed, email from the parent to the teacher, or verified through Google Classroom. Teachers have communicated expectations
- Leonia Middle School: Attendance will be taken in each course through Google Classroom. Courses will meet online during their normally scheduled time period and students will be expected to check in during that time period.
- Leonia High School: Attendance will be taken in each course through Google Classroom. Courses will meet online during their normally scheduled time period and students will be expected to check in during that time period.

Town Hall Meeting

Mayor Judah Ziegler will be holding a Town-wide COVID-19 Conference Call on Monday, March 16 at 7:00pm in order to provide any appropriate updates as they regard our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to reinforce key information, and try to answer some of your questions. Dr. Bertolini will also be available at this conference call.

Information about this meeting can be found on the Borough Website:

<https://www.leonianj.gov/Home/Components/News/News/103/179>

Special Education Services

All Child Study Team members are working remotely. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school's LDTC, school psychologist or social worker:

ACS

Dominica Felici-Skal (Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant) 201-588-5384

Soobin Jeong (School Psychologist) 201-228-0736

Tara Timpone (Social Worker) 862-801-0871

LMS

Kristie Hardy (Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant) 201-582-2725

Rotem Dayan (School Psychologist) 347-470-7631

Shauna Salmon (Social Worker) 201-500-4539

LHS

Marlana LePera (Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant) 862-801-0924

Carlos Proano (School Psychologist) 862-414-3212
Lindsay Goldstein-Hawkes (Social Worker) 845-579-5584

We have canceled all IEP meetings for this week and next, but given that we extended the school closure an additional week, we may need to hold IEP meetings via video conference applications that are HIPAA compliant. The Child Study Team will communicate to everyone those options once they are finalized.

Counseling Services

If a student is in need of counseling services, he or she should email their school counselor. Counselors are checking emails throughout the day.

If your child is having a mental health emergency, you can call 201-262-4357 (HELP)

High School Grades and Marking Periods

We understand that the school closures may affect marking period grades. Administration is looking at options to adjust the marking period dates. We will keep all students and parents informed of any decisions made about this.