



NANUET

Union Free School District

Dr. Kevin R. McCahill, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Nanuet Parents and Guardians,

I know everyone in our school community has been anxiously navigating this unprecedented social environment. As the ability to test for Coronavirus increases, the number of confirmed cases will as well. I received notification today that NUFSD is impacted by its first case. If this happened a week ago, we would have disrupted your lives with an emergency closure. As you know, NUFSD is closed until at least March 31, so the focus of this notification is to provide precautionary quarantine instructions for your own self-care and those around you.

The information that we are able to share is that the confirmed case is a Rockland BOCES employee who works at the Nanuet Barr Middle School.

Here is the notification we received from Rockland BOCES:

Rockland BOCES was notified today by the Rockland County Department of Health that an employee in our District-Based Special Education program at Nanuet Middle School has tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19). This particular employee reported that they DID NOT HAVE DIRECT CONTACT with students and staff at Nanuet Middle School.

As a precaution, Nanuet Middle School is now considered a potential exposure site and anyone who visited the school on the exposure date of Friday, March 13 may have been exposed to COVID-19 and should enter a precautionary quarantine for fourteen (14) days – through March 27, 2020.

As a result, the Nanuet Middle School building is now closed through March 27, 2020.

This precautionary quarantine advice only pertains to Nanuet Middle School staff, students, and community members who were in the school on Friday, March 13th.

Please follow the precautionary quarantine instructions provided by the Rockland County Department of Health or consult with your physician and/or health care provider with any questions :

STAY AT HOME:

- *You must stay away from other people for the entire quarantine period.*
- *You cannot go to work, school, religious services, or any other public place.*
- *You should not have guests in your home.*
- *As much as possible, you should stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home.*
- *You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care.*
- *You should use a separate bathroom, if available.*
- *If you need to share a bathroom, you must clean the bathroom after you use it every time.*
- *items that you need should be left outside your room door.*

HYGIENE:

- *You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people. After using these items, they should be washed thoroughly with soap and water.*
- *Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, throw it in the trash.*

IF YOU FEEL SICK:

- *If you feel sick, call your private physician for further guidance.*

Additional guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on preparing your household for Coronavirus is available on the Rockland County Department of Health COVID-19 website: <http://rocklandgov.com/departments/health/coronavirus-covid-19/> .

The health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. Please be assured that we are working with individual families who seek guidance and those who express concerns.

We understand that these unprecedented times are stressful. Due to HIPAA laws, there are no more specific details about this case that we are able to share. We encourage you to follow the recommendations above for precautionary quarantine or consult with your physician and/or health care provider with any questions.

With gratitude,



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Superintendent of Schools



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