

# UNIONDALE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 9, 2020

Dear Uniondale Community and Staff:

There has been concern in our community that there may be students in our District who have come into contact with individuals testing positive for the Coronavirus.

The District has been informed that the Uniondale resident diagnosed with the coronavirus is a relative of a Uniondale School District family. **However - and we want to emphasize this point – Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH) has assured the District that neither our student, nor any member of the student's family, has been in contact with the relative within the timeframe he himself would have come in contact with the virus or developed the symptoms that led to his being admitted for treatment.** In other words, there is no cause for concern that the student or the student's family have been exposed to the coronavirus through contact with their relative.

The NCDOH also informed the District this afternoon that it has confirmed that two other students in the District have come into contact with individuals outside the District who have tested positive for coronavirus. **The students have both tested negative,** but as a precautionary measure, the NCDOH has instructed each student to remain in quarantine at their respective homes until further notice. The NCDOH has indicated to the District that other than the students remaining out of school until both students, their families and the District are notified by the NCDOH that it is safe for them to return to school, the District need not take any further action at this time. Therefore, all schools in the District will remain open and all activities throughout the District will continue as scheduled.

Again, we want to reiterate to all community members and families that our schools remain safe for children, staff and all who visit our schools. All classes, after-school activities and school events will continue as scheduled. We will continue our heightened daily cleaning and sanitizing of our school buildings, including classrooms, computer keyboards, bathrooms, doorknobs and all other surfaces in communal areas. We realize this situation is constantly evolving which is why we will continue to have daily contact with our local and state health officials. We will monitor the websites of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New York State Health Department, New York State Education Department, and the Nassau County Health Department; and update the community as new information does become available.

You may have seen that over the weekend some schools and universities have closed for varying periods of time as per the direction of health officials, regarding their specific circumstances. The County and State Health Departments remain in regular contact with all school districts and will immediately recommend closure if circumstances warrant. While we have no indication at the present time that our schools need to close, you may want to consider plans in the event that this becomes necessary.

The most important thing we can all do is remain calm and take our direction from the health experts at the federal, state and county levels. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call your child's building principal, Ms. Silvia Kallich, Administrative Assistant for Health Services at 516-560-8851, or my office directly.

Sincerely,



Dr. William K. Lloyd  
Superintendent of Schools

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