



# Dumont Public Schools

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As we prepare for the reopening of our schools next week, this is a reminder to please continue to adhere to our COVID-19 safety protocols. This includes: staying home when you are sick if you are an employee, keeping your children home if they are sick, washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds; limiting close contact with people who are sick; not sharing food, drinks and utensils; practicing social distancing (to the greatest extent possible); wearing a face covering properly while in school (including during recess or lunch, when not eating or drinking); and continuing to monitor your or your children's health for symptoms. The school district is also continuing to take precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs in our buildings and has cleaned and disinfected all areas of our schools during the winter recess and will continue to do so on a daily basis when school resumes.

During the winter recess, cases continued to be reported to our school principals and in turn to the Bergen County Health Department by our school nurses as is required. Principals have been sending updates to our families related to their individual schools. Two of our schools, Lincoln School and Dumont High School, did have some cases reported over the winter recess that were deemed as outbreaks. However, due to the fact that these cases were reported during the winter break when our schools were closed to all students and staff, and that they are resolving with the appropriate quarantine time, the health department **is not** recommending a pivot to virtual learning for these schools at this time.

However, this serves as a reminder to our school community that a pivot to virtual instruction for a short period on a building-by-building basis may occur at any time if any future cases are categorized as an outbreak. If this were to occur, the impacted school would receive a notification from their principal and would then revert to the District's Emergency Virtual or Remote Learning Plan, which is posted on our School District Website ([www.dumontnj.org](http://www.dumontnj.org)) on the Coronavirus Information Page (under the Quick Links Tab).

If a virtual remote learning program is initiated, PreK-2 teachers will email parents directly to ensure that students have access to begin lesson activities and to review remote learning procedures. Emergency lesson plans will be posted on teacher websites and links to access real-time lesson activities will be provided on a daily basis. Students who do not have access to a computer or the internet at home will be referred to the technology department to arrange for a loaner device. In grades 3-12, teachers will email students to ensure that students have access to

begin lesson activities and understand the remote learning process. Emergency lesson plans will be posted on Google Classrooms and links to access real-time lesson activities will be provided on a daily basis as well. Students who do not have access to a computer or the internet at home will be referred to the technology department to arrange for a loaner device.

We know that the prospect of reverting to a virtual program for a period of time may cause dismay to our school community, but if we continue to follow our safety protocols, we can ensure that our school community remains safe and healthy, which is our foremost priority.

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation.

Faithfully yours,

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