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DUMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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EMANUELE TRIGGIANO
Superintendent of Schools

KAREN V. BENNETT, Ed.D.
Principal

Dear Honiss School Community:

KEVIN DALTON
Vice Principal

The Bergen County Health Department has investigated thousands of cases over the last six months, and their findings suggest that our community has demonstrated a varied range of symptoms onset, some with one symptom, some with multiple symptoms, and some with no symptoms at all. In all cases, they were positive for COVID.

Due to the volatility of this virus, the Bergen County Health Department is taking a very conservative stand regarding school exclusions. Consistent with their recommendations, the district will be implementing the following:

- Schools should exclude student or staff exhibiting ONE symptom to quarantine for 14 days
- Students or staff must be sent home immediately and seek medical evaluation to rule out COVID
- Schools should require written medical clearance to return to school

If you need assistance with obtaining medical clearance (based on your financial situation), or finding a site to get a COVID-19 test, here are community resources to assist you:

- For medical assistance - North Hudson Community Action Corporation at (201) 210-0200
- For COVID testing - Bergen New Bridge Medical Center:
 - Email: COVIDquestions@newbridgehealth.org
 - Call the Message Center: 201.967.4333

Additionally, you can reach out to the Bergen County Health Department at <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/health-promotion/2019-novel-corona-virus> for additional information.

If your child does need to be out of the building due to one symptom, please let the school know as soon as possible, so that they can allow your child to be educated virtually for the day, and for as long as it takes for you to provide medical clearance to return to school. The longer the delay in communication to the school, the less likely it is that we will be able to accommodate that opportunity for virtual learning.

Please reach out to me at (201) 387-3020 x 30255 or hburchill@dumontnj.org, if you have any questions about this process.

I am confident that following the more stringent guidelines, although difficult for some of you logistically and financially, will allow us to help keep our school community safe.

Thank you for your understanding.

Dr. Karen Bennett
Principal

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