



# HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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## **COVID 19 Medical Alert**

### **Office of the Superintendent of Schools**

Earlier this week we were notified of a positive COVID-19 test result for a student on the boys high school basketball team, potentially exposing 18 members of the squad and its coaches. At this time, the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission has not completed tracing, so we do not know how many people may have been exposed prior to the District being notified.

Rather than cancel summer workouts for all teams, we will follow current State guidelines which call for a quarantine of all team members and coaches of the basketball team. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and if Holmdel experiences a spike in COVID-19 cases, we will need to strongly consider a suspension of summer workouts, co-curricular activities and the fall sports season. That's one reason why it is so important for all students to follow the CDC and State guidelines at all times.

We have contacted the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission, the Holmdel Township Police Department, and the New Jersey Department of Education to make them aware of our situation. The District will also be circulating a travel advisory that must be adhered to by all students and staff.

If you are uncomfortable sending your child to summer workouts or other activities under these conditions, please know that you have every right to keep your child at home. Your child will not be penalized for missing the summer workouts, or other activities, such as Band.

Again, if you believe you or your family have been exposed at any time, please self-quarantine, consult your doctor and follow your doctor's recommendations. If your child does test positive, please notify your child's school immediately.

The Holmdel Township School District along with the NJSIAA COVID-19 Task Force has worked extremely hard to provide an environment that is safe and well-monitored for our students in athletics and other activities. We will continue to ensure all the outlined procedures are followed and to provide a safe environment for your children to participate in athletics and other activities. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can assist with at this time.

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Interim Superintendent of Schools

