

Moonachie Public Schools

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COVID-19 School Notification Positive Case in School

Robert L. Craig School Moonachie

Moonachie Families & Friends:

Date: October 1, 2020, 3:00pm

As communicated on September 30th, 2020, an individual at the Robert Craig School has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Over the previous 24-hours, District Administration and Nurse Gallo have been in close coordination with public health officials, engaging in contact tracing and identification of possible exposure.

As of this writing, contact tracing is still ongoing. We have not identified any students that were in close contact with the positive COVID case communicated on September 30th. However, please be reminded, that contact tracing has not concluded.

We are confident, as of this writing, that the positive case was NOT contracted nor transmitted within the Robert L. Craig School. The positive case was contact traced to weekend / out of school personal activities.

Out of an abundance of caution, the Department of Health is recommending, and we are implementing, a 14-day Remote Learning Program. Please review the timeline below:

September 30 – October 13 → 14-Days.

Friday October 2nd → School Closed, as Per our Calendar

Monday October 5th – Friday October 9th → Full Remote Learning

Monday October 12th → School Closed, as Per our Calendar

Tuesday October 13th → Full Remote Learning

Wednesday October 14th → Return to LIVE Learning (Return 1-Session Days)

Based on prior Digital Needs Surveys, Ms. Alyssa Spitaleri and Ms. Susan Lacey will be in contact with LIVE students on Friday to pick up a device for LIVE students who are in need. We do ask that those devices are return to the school on Wednesday October 14th.

If your student has been a LIVE Learner and upon our re-open for Live instruction, should you wish to switch your student to REMOTE learning beginning October 14th, please inform me or Mrs. Genatt no later than Tuesday October 13th.

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The previously planned return to Full-Day sessions is indefinitely postponed. We will maintain our 1-session days for LIVE students upon our return.

During this closure, you are not asked to self-quarantine. However, please monitor your students symptoms and limit their exposure outside of your home. Should your student begin experiencing any symptoms during this time, please contact Nurse Gallo as well as your physician as quickly as possible.

The status of this situation is fluid, and we are monitoring it closely. We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact Nurse Gallo or Mr. Knipper at (201) 641-5833. Below are some resources that might be helpful.

RESOURCES

- a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml
- b. Get the Facts about Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- c. Symptoms of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- d. Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>; <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>
- e. How to Protect Yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- f. What to Do if You Are Sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

Sincerely,


James Knipper
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