

EDGEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Edgewater Parents and Staff,

As you may have heard, there is now a confirmed case of coronavirus in New Jersey - a 30-year old resident of Fort Lee, who is being treated at Hackensack University Medical Center. <https://abc7ny.com/health/nj-has-first-presumptive-positive-case-of-coronavirus/5987040/> We have been and will continue to be following news of this pandemic very closely, and will follow any and all guidance from our local and state health departments as well as our county and state education departments.

Some parents have asked if we will close school as a result of this confirmed case. At this time, schools will remain open. The decision to close schools or modify the school day will be considered if it is recommended by our local health department, per NJ law. Our school administrators and health office are in daily communication with our local health department. We are also tracking student and staff absences and illnesses, and providing this information to our public health nurse regularly. If students are absent, our staff will follow their regular procedures and timelines for sending home missed assignments via email or their typical channels. We will continue to provide any and all information we receive in a timely manner on our website: <https://www.edgewaterschools.org/o/esd/page/novel-coronavirus-information>. For more information, see also the NJ Department of Health's website: <https://www.nj.gov/health/> and the Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

School and health officials are meeting to continue planning around this issue, and we will keep you and the community informed. **Please keep following the three simple steps recommended by the CDC for preventing spread of the coronavirus:**

1. **Wash your hands frequently.**
2. **Cover your cough.**
3. **Stay home when sick.**

Please continue to watch our website for updated information.

Sincerely,



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