



# Willingboro Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that a student at Hawthorne Park Elementary School has been identified as a Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) case. The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following Centers for Disease Control (CDC), state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community.

The District is required to ensure that any individual who is exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19 be notified that quarantine is necessary. Exposure is defined as less than 3 feet for 15 or more cumulative minutes in the classroom when wearing a mask or less than 6 feet for 15 or more cumulative minutes in the classroom when not wearing a mask within in 24-hour period. In addition, exposure is also defined as less than 6 feet for 15 or more cumulative minutes in the cafeteria within in 24-hour period.

The district has implemented the practice of close contacts quarantining for 5 days and requiring close contacts to be tested for COVID-19 between days 3 and 5. Close contacts can return to school on day 6 with a negative COVID-19 test result. If the parent/guardian chooses not to have their child tested for COVID-19, the student will be required to quarantine for 10 days. The following exceptions apply:

- 18yrs. old or older and received a **booster shot**
- 5-17yrs. old and fully vaccinated
- Tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days

Please note that cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas has been completed. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control and 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 physical distancing
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms and seek medical attention when necessary.

Students should **not** attend school in-person. If **TWO OR MORE symptoms in Column A are present OR AT LEAST ONE symptom in column B is present** please keep your child home and notify the school for further instructions.

#### **COLUMN A**

- Chills
- Rigors (shivers)
- Myalgia (muscle aches)
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose

#### **COLUMN B**

- Fever (measured or subjective)
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty Breathing
- New loss of smell
- New loss of taste

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 Acting Principal Ruhi Ahmed at 609-835-8960. Below are some resources that might be helpful.

a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:

[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_community.shtml](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. Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>;

<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>

Sincerely,

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