



Livingston PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear LPS Community,

Please be advised that the District learned today that a staff member at Heritage Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in quarantine at this time. No further information regarding the staff member can be released and we ask that you respect their privacy at this time. The staff member was present in the school building up to and including Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

The NJ Department of Health is instructing local health departments where patients live to implement a monitoring process that includes an interview for the affected individual(s), to identify locations and persons with whom the affected individual(s) has had contact. Once identified, those people and locations will be notified of the individual's exposure and symptoms to allow the identification of close contacts.

The CDC recommends calling your health care provider if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms such as cough or difficulty breathing. More info can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>. Please do not call 911 with questions about this case. 911 is for life threatening emergencies.

As each day passes, and more people begin to test positive for the virus, it is likely that we will have come in contact with someone who has a friend or family member who has tested positive for COVID-19. By closing school facilities, we have already enacted a practice of socially distancing our staff and students. We are cleaning all of our schools while remote learning is in place. As new cases of the virus emerge, we all should continue self-monitoring and should reach out to health care professionals if symptoms appear.

I reiterate previous communications urging our families to take the call for social distancing seriously. That, along with healthy habits, remain the best tools to slow the spread.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Block, Ed.D.
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