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Dear Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Parents, Faculty, Staff, and Community Members,

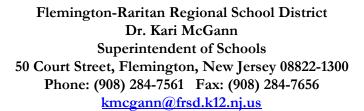
The District has received notice of four positive COVID-19 cases. One is a student at Copper Hill School who was last in the building on January 15. One is a student at J.P. Case Middle School who was last in the building on January 15. One is a student at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School who was last in the building on January 8. One is a staff member at Copper Hill School who was last in the building on January 15.

Hunterdon County is included in the Central West region of New Jersey on the COVID-19 Regional Risk Matrix. This week's COVID-19 CALI Report continues to show Hunterdon County in the "orange." Fortunately, two of the three activity level indicators improved this week in comparison to the previous report. In the Central West region, the case rate, the daily new COVID cases for every 100,000 people, decreased by ten from 46.37 to 35.45. There was also a decrease in the percent positivity rate, the percentage of total positive cases out of all those performed, from 9.85 to 8.21. The percent CLI, the COVID like illnesses that are reported at the hospital, slightly increased by 1.64 percent. The District is working diligently to keep students, staff, faculty, and our community safe from the spread of COVID-19 and keep our doors open for in-person instruction. Thank you for everything you are doing at home and when in our community to reduce the spread of the virus.

Staff, students, and faculty must stay home if they have:

- Tested positive (viral test) for COVID-19; for individuals with close contact with a confirmed case, NJDOH continues to recommend a 14-day quarantine. While we remain in the high COVID Activity level, close contacts of positive and students with COVID-like illness should continue to be excluded from school.
- COVID-19 compatible symptoms include: fever (temperature of 100.4 or greater) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, a new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. If children experience any of these symptoms, they must stay home from school. If you have any questions about symptoms or any other concerns for you or your child, please consult your physician or speak with one of our school nurses. In children, signs/symptoms are often mild. For this reason, the New Jersey Department of Health recommends any child with COVID-19 symptoms not return to school until they have received a negative viral test or they have completed an isolation period of at least 10 days since symptom onset and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications with symptom improvement. A purely clinical alternative diagnosis is no longer acceptable.
- ☐ Potential exposure to COVID-19 from close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Engaged in domestic and/or international travel in the past 10 days, unless they are exempt from the quarantine recommendation due to being an essential worker:
- NJ Travel Advisory
- As confirmed by the Hunterdon County DOH: Travelers and residents returning from any U.S. state or territory beyond the immediate region (New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) should self-quarantine at their home, hotel, or other temporary lodgings following recommendations from the CDC: (Essential employees are excluded from the travel advisory.)
 - If travel is unavoidable, travelers should consider getting tested with a viral test (not an antibody test) 1-3 days before the trip and again 3-5 days after the trip.
 - If travelers test positive, they should self-isolate for at least ten days and should postpone travel during that time.
 - If travelers test negative, they should quarantine for a full seven days after travel.
 - If testing is not available (or if the results are delayed), travelers should quarantine for ten days after travel.
- ☐ CDC After You Travel.

To help families that live in Hunterdon County and those that work in Hunterdon County, the County offers a free COVID test. You can find the link here to order a free COVID-19 test.





Wishing you good health,

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