



WOODBURY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Frequently Asked Questions - Families and Community Partners Woodbury City School District Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) March 2020

What will happen if the District faces a confirmed case? If there are sick students and/or staff in the district, the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the Board of Education, will contact state and local health officials. In collaboration with the above named entities:

- The District may decide to close one or more schools. In addition, school closure may be determined by the New Jersey Department of Health or the New Jersey Department of Education.
- The District will communicate via the website, School Messenger, and social media any and all updates.

If school is required to close, will the missed days have to be made up? Plans are being made to provide instruction to students remotely. The NJDOE has determined that this home instruction will count towards the required 180 school days.

What happens if my child does not log in during remote learning or does not complete the work? Depending upon the grade level, students will be required to complete online learning every school day. If the student does not log on and complete assignments, he/she will be marked absent. Preschool and Kindergarten students will have separate expectations that will be shared with parents.

What if my child needs help with the work that they are assigned during remote learning? Students will be able to ask questions of teachers about the content via Google Classroom on individual assignments; questions may be posted directly to the teacher or to the class as a whole. Students will be expected to turn in all work through Google Classroom each day. These submissions will be counted as 'attendance' for the day. If the work is not submitted that day, the student will be marked absent.

Will school field trips run as long as school remains open? Field trips are being decided on a case by case basis. Parents will be notified in advance when a field trip is being canceled or postponed.

Can I choose to keep my child home from school even if school is open? Safety of our students is paramount. If school is open and your child is not present, they will be marked absent in accordance with BOE Policy 5113.

Will the school still provide meals for free/reduced lunch children? Yes, breakfast and lunch will be provided. Details are being finalized with our food service provider and additional information will be forthcoming.

Defining COVID-19

What is coronavirus? Coronaviruses are a family of viruses and there are different types of coronavirus within that family, much like there are different types of influenza viruses (FLU). Coronaviruses in general are not new and are a frequent cause of respiratory illnesses such as the common cold. Coronaviruses tend to circulate in the fall and winter months, similar to influenza. Most people get infected with these viruses at some point in their lives.

The type of coronavirus that has recently emerged in Wuhan, China is a new type of coronavirus and is infecting people for the first time (which means that people do not have any immunity to it). This newly discovered virus is called SARS-CoV-2 and is causing a disease named COVID-19.

What are the common symptoms? Symptoms consistent with a respiratory illness, such as the coronavirus, include the following:

- Cough
- Fever
- Shortness of breath



Preventative Measures for COVID-19 at Home

What preventative measures should I follow to help reduce the spread of respiratory viruses? The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the following:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve, not your hand.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Follow proper hand washing protocols, including washing hands often and for at least 20 second, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not immediately available.
- Go to all doctor's appointments now as appointments may not be readily available if the virus becomes more prevalent.
- Get a flu shot.

What should I do if I suspect that my child is sick? If your child is sick with a respiratory illness, especially if they present with a fever (above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, or 37.7 C); keep them home and contact your doctor. Children should be fever-free (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Our school nurses will be monitoring our students and anyone presenting as ill. Parents will be called immediately to pick up students presenting ill.

What preventative measures should I take in my home? Frequently wipe clean regularly used surface areas after immediate use (for example, tables, counters and chairs).

Traveling Overseas and Returning to Work / School

What should I do and/or consider if I plan on traveling out of the country?

- With Spring Break quickly approaching, if you intend to travel out of the country check the CDC's Traveler's Health Notices website at (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>) on the latest guidance and recommendations for each country to which you will travel.
- Individuals travelling out of the country should be aware of the potential risk of transmission, as well as the risk of quarantine upon returning. It is recommended that any destinations experiencing a sustained community transmission should be avoided.
- If you become sick while you travel, notify your child's school principal immediately upon your return.

My family and I are returning from overseas travel from one of the countries with travel advisories by the CDC (Warning Level 3 or Alert Level 2): You must contact your school principal if you or any member of your family has recently traveled to a country listed on the CDC website as a community with sustained transmission (China, Italy, South Korea, Iran, and Japan)