

PORT WASHINGTON Union Free School District

January 11, 2020

Dear Port Washington Families and Staff,

What is happening across Long Island regarding the increase in people testing positive for COVID-19 is now directly impacting our district. Currently, there is a substantial number of our staff members who have either tested positive, or have been identified as close contacts in out-of-school scenarios and have been ordered to quarantine.

As a result of the significant number of staff that are not present because of isolation or a quarantine order, we've made the difficult decision that our students and staff districtwide will pivot to remote instruction for the remainder of this week, effective Tuesday, January 12. As of right now, we are planning on resuming in-person instruction on Tuesday, January 19. This is predicated on an adequate number of staff members being cleared by the Nassau County Health Department to return to work on that day.

Please continue to notify the respective building principal if your child tests positive or is considered a close contact. The district will continue to monitor cases while following a remote schedule to ensure the reopening of schools on Tuesday, January 19 is deemed appropriate and safe.

During this time, we ask that you continue to follow established protocols, stress the importance of social distancing, practice healthy hand hygiene and wear a mask. This situation is another indication of why it is imperative that we, as a community, all adhere to all the health guidelines and protocols set and advised by our local and regional health officials, as well as the CDC. Please refer to the following links:

- www.nassaucountyny.gov/4963/COVID-19-INFORMATION
- <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>
- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html

We are grateful for your continued patience and cooperation in transparency and social responsibility as we continue to mitigate the spread of the virus in our community.

Be well,

Dr. Michael Hynes

Superintendent of Schools

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