

# SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am reaching out to provide you with an update regarding the Coronavirus and the district's efforts to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff in our buildings. The Novel Coronavirus is a virus that can infect the respiratory tract and spread similarly to cold viruses. Information to date suggests that COVID-19 causes mild-to-moderate illness and symptoms like the flu, including fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. At this time, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) confirms that there have been no cases reported in New Jersey. The CDC states that more cases of COVID-19 "are likely to be identified in the coming days, including more cases in the United States." This letter is not to cause panic, but to share with you that we are updating our plans which includes the preparation for remote learning should it become necessary or directed by the State of New Jersey.

The South Brunswick School District is working closely with county and local agencies to monitor the situation and are in the process of developing a coordinated and comprehensive public health plan to be prepared if cases arise in our community. Earlier this week, we met with the South Brunswick Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to discuss actions that will be taken, if need be. Updated information will be shared as it becomes available and please remember to go to our website and click on the [Coronavirus Link](#) where updated information is posted from the Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention as it becomes available.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "While the immediate risk to this new virus to the American public is believed to be low at this time, everyone can do their part to help us respond to this emerging public health threat". As a best practice for overall health in cold and influenza season, the CDC recommends the following to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases including the COVID-19.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- **Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.**
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Here is what we have our custodial staff doing to help avoid the spread of germs:

- All schools are provided with an EPA registered Disinfectant to effectively treat all touchpoints in all areas of the building.
- All schools are provided with a hydrogen peroxide-based all surface cleaner to effectively clean light to heavily soiled and greasy surfaces.
- Evening custodial staff at each building clean touchpoints throughout the building and then apply disinfectant to eliminate cross-contamination from treated surfaces.

- Custodial staff maintains an open line of communication with the school nurse to identify areas of the building that require enhanced cleaning based on the number of staff and students that have reported illness.
- All HVAC units district-wide that require air filters are routinely changed and serviced per an established Preventative Maintenance Schedule.
- Hand Soap is checked and stocked for staff and students' use each day and readily available at each sink throughout the district.
- Hand sanitizer is checked and stocked in designated areas throughout the district where there is not as sink readily available.
- GPS Air Cleaners have been installed in HVAC equipment throughout the school district that are self-cleaning, bi-polar ionization systems. This system cleans the outside air before moving through the air filter.
- Restrooms are cleaned and disinfected each day using state of the art no-touch cleaning equipment
- Microfiber cleaning cloths are color-coded and used for custodial cleaning to eliminate cross-contamination and produce effective cleaning results.
- All busses in transportation are cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis utilizing the same effective cleaning chemicals used in our schools.

For more information visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention FAQ on Coronavirus website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

Please know that we are constantly in contact with the Health Department, Department of Education, Police Department and CDC checking daily for any updates. As soon as we receive any actionable direction, you can rest assured we will get it out to our South Brunswick Community.

Stay Healthy South Brunswick!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Feder  
Superintendent of Schools

**Additional Resources**

CDC's dedicated 2019-nCoV website at <https://www.cdc.gov/nCoV>

The New Jersey Department of Health: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>