



HUDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY

Office of School Safety

March 29, 2020

Dear HCST Community:

We understand that students and parents within New Jersey are concerned about how the current outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) may impact their communities and wish to take appropriate steps to mitigate risk.

Due to its novel (new) nature, there is no vaccine to protect against COVID-19 and no medications approved to treat the virus. As a result, efforts to control transmission and mitigate risk are critically important. The most important response strategy is the use of personal protective measures, including good hygiene habits. Please continue implementing the following preventive actions at home:

- Practice frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or if unavailable, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve, not your hands
- Clean frequently touched surfaces
- Stay home if you are sick

We would also like to iterate the following guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health:

Individuals have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 if:

- They live with or care for someone with COVID-19
- They have been within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for more than 10 minutes
- They have been in direct contact with secretions from someone with COVID-19 (being coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.)

If an individual has not been in close contact with a person with COVID-19, they are considered to be low-risk for infection.

Students/Staff that have been exposed to someone with confirmed COVID-19 and have symptoms should:

- Not go to work or school and avoid public places except to get medical care
- Wear a facemask when around other people or pets
- Separate themselves from people and pets in the home and avoid sharing household items
- Practice good hygiene habits: cover coughs and sneezes, wash hands often, clean all "hightouch" surfaces daily
- Monitor symptoms and seek prompt medical attention if illness worsens. Call ahead before visiting your healthcare provider

*****Additionally, if you are tested for COVID-19 and your results are positive, please contact the local health department in which you reside. A representative from the health department will get in touch with you and ask you a series of questions to see if you came into contact with others while infectious. This is important so that the health department can notify close contacts to monitor their symptoms for 14 days.*****

Sincerely,

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See attached page for the list of
Local Health Departments

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Local Health Departments

Bayonne (201) 858-6100 630 Avenue C Bayonne, NJ 07002	Harrison (973) 268-2441 318 Harrison Avenue Harrison, NJ 07029	Union City (201) 348-5608 3715 Palisade Avenue Union City, NJ 07087
East Newark/Kearny (201) 997-0600 645 Kearny Ave Kearny, NJ 07032	Jersey City (201) 547-6800 1 Jackson Square Jersey City, NJ 07305	Weehawken (201) 319-6054 Tower Plaza Mall 4100 Park Ave
Guttenberg 201-868-2315, ex. 128 6808 Park Avenue Guttenberg, NJ 07093	North Bergen 201-392-2084 201-392-2153 1116 43rd St., 2nd Floor North Bergen, NJ 07047	West New York 201-295-5070 201-295-0769 428-60th St., Room #30 West New York, NJ 07093
	Secaucus (201) 330-2031 1203 Paterson Plank Road Secaucus, NJ 07094-3287	

Hudson Regional Health Commission Reminders:

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID19_public_faqs.pdf

NJ hotline for public to ask questions: 1-800-962-1253 or 211

Hudson County COVID -19 Drive Through Testing Center- *by appointment ONLY*

Must call 201-388-1097 or 646-862-1161 (9AM to 9 PM) to see if you are eligible for testing.

CDC- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

NJDOH- <https://covid19.nj.gov/> and <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

Please remember to:

- Wash your hands
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Stay home when you are sick
- Adhere to Social distancing guidelines
- Listen to Federal, State and Local officials