

## ROCKAWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Even though we are currently 100% virtual, this letter is to inform you that we have unfortunately received information that three individuals in the district have **tested positive** for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): two at Thomas Jefferson Middle School and one at Lincoln Elementary. As in the past, the District is continuing to coordinate closely with public health officials and following CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. As a result, people or individuals who had contact with either of the diagnosed individuals, will or have been contacted by the local Board of Health or our school nurses with the necessary information.

Whether in school or at home, we understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to remain steadfast and continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation in keeping the district informed of any potential cases in your household. You can also assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact the building principal or the school nurse.

Sincerely,

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