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Keansburg School Community,

Currently, we are not planning to close our schools. We will follow guidelines from the New Jersey Department of Health, NJDOE, Monmouth County Health Department and the County Executive Superintendent's Office.

To prevent the spread of communicable illnesses, including seasonal flu and COVID-19, the District is taking steps to educate students, staff and the school community on prevention measures they can take. Staff will be guiding students on following prevention measures; however, we encourage parents to reinforce these practices:

- Wash your hands with soap and water. Hand sanitizer should be used if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home while you are sick and avoid contact with others.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.

While regular attendance directly impacts student achievement, it is important for parents to keep children home from school if they are ill with symptoms of any communicable disease. Please notify the school in the event of symptoms consistent with seasonal flu and COVID-19. The staff will document and make internal notation for consideration as an administratively excused absence for students exceeding 16 absences or in loss of credit in one or more courses at the high school level.

Our custodial staff also plays an important role in preventing the spread of communicable disease. On a daily basis, our cleaning staff uses Virex II 256 to disinfect doorknobs, push bars, water fountains, bathroom fixtures, elevator buttons, railings, light switches and other surfaces frequently touched by students and staff. The disinfectant is effective on coronavirus and other seasonal cold and flu viruses. In addition, desks, cafeteria tables and other flat surfaces are sanitized daily.

Currently taking place is the planning for the instructional needs of students when not in school, such as students in quarantine, on home instruction, or a larger scale need for instruction outside of school. Our administrators and teachers are working to develop protocols, lesson planning, and the delivery of instruction as needed.

We will continue to monitor information being released from the New Jersey Department of Health and NJDOE as well as maintain our contact with both the Monmouth County Health Department and County Executive Superintendent's Office.

Sincerely,

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Additional Information:

[Fact Sheet Coronavirus](#)

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