



## SAUGERTIES CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

March 8, 2020

We are posting this notice to update our community on the press conference from our Ulster County Executive earlier this afternoon. A Town of Rochester man has tested positive for the Novel Coronavirus. This is the first case in our county. The individual is recovering at home. I have been informed that the Health Department has determined that this individual has not had exposure to schools or young people.

The District will continue to monitor and provide the most accurate updates as the information becomes available. The District will continue to work diligently on preventive measures. In each of our school buildings, the Saugerties Central School District is also taking the following steps to keep our students and staff safe:

- Custodial staff is stepping up efforts to clean classrooms and disinfect high-touch areas, including: desks, door knobs, bathrooms, cafeteria and school busses.
- Refilling soap dispensers with an antibacterial soap.
- Posting signs on proper hand washing in all District bathrooms.
- Sharing preventative information with students, parents, and teachers.
- Meeting with department heads regularly to ensure everyone has accurate information and is prepared should we need to take further measures.

Preventive measures for families:

- Stay home if you are sick and do not send your student to school if they are feeling sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneezes with a tissue.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch objects and surfaces including: cell phones, steering wheel, and gaming consoles.

If you or a family member begin showing symptoms of a respiratory disease and suspect it may be COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider. Before going to your healthcare provider's office, inform them that a case of COVID-19 is suspected, and follow their advice.

Local health departments will contact schools if a suspected or known COVID-19 case emerges. The district is prepared to work with any affected families.

Families are also encouraged to follow the CDC's information for travel, available at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>. For more information, consider consulting these additional resources:

- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

- Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html>
- COVID-19: What is Stigma and What Causes It?  
[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fstigma-faq.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fstigma-faq.html)
  
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - Frequently Asked Questions - Prevention  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#prevention>
  
- Prevention, Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

In addition, New York has established a Novel Coronavirus Hotline, which can provide additional information. Call 1-888-364-3065 with questions or concerns about travel and symptoms.

I assure you we are committed to communicating with our families, educating about prevention measures, and providing a safe and healthy learning environment.

Sincerely,

Kirk Reinhardt  
Superintendent of Schools