



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HARRISBURG

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Ben Franklin School Parents and Guardians:

Today, the Harrisburg School District was notified of a student at Ben Franklin school who has tested positive for COVID-19. School leaders followed proper protocols in accordance with the District's state approved [Health and Safety Plan](#).

Any student or staff identified as close contacts of the positive COVID-19 case will be notified by the school district and/or should be contacted by the PA Department of Health. These individuals will follow quarantine protocols before returning to school. In addition, facilities and custodial staff will sanitize and disinfect high touch surface areas and will conduct a thorough deep cleaning of the impacted area using the 360 Clorox Machine.

The Harrisburg School District will continue its commitment to mitigate risks associated with the spread of COVID-19 by utilizing onsite thermal imaging temperature screening devices for all students and staff that enter district school buildings, and by strict adherence to proper mask wearing, maintaining social distancing whenever possible, and regular handwashing for a minimum of 20 seconds. Prior to entering school buildings, we require all parents/guardians, students, and staff to continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and to follow up with your health care provider if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- Cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
- Fever, chills, muscle/body aches, vomiting, or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat, headache, or nausea

As a valued member of our school community, we will continue to keep you informed with the latest and most transparent information and updates. For questions, please contact your school office at (717) 703-1200 or visit www.hbgd.us for [COVID information and resources](#), the Superintendent's latest parent notification letter in [English](#) or [Spanish](#), [Governor Wolf's new mask mandate](#), or to view our [Return to School Operations Video](#).

Sincerely,

Mr. Eric Turman
Superintendent
Harrisburg School District

"We Are...One Harrisburg for ALL Students!"