



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday, the Nassau County Department of Health contacted me to communicate that a family member of two of our students at the Howell Road School tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19). These two students have been tested and mandatorily quarantined in accordance with the New York State Department of Health (NYDOH) guidelines. I am waiting for further information relative to the results of the additional testing.

As of this morning, all Nassau County School Districts were notified that County Executive Laura Curran, in coordination with the Nassau County Department of Health ordered all schools throughout Nassau County to be closed for two weeks starting tomorrow, March 16 through Friday, March 27th. During this closure all schools will be sanitized and disinfected.

I will continue to keep you updated about further developments regarding the Nassau County Department of Health's investigation of the Howell Road situation. Please continue to exercise the safe practices recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze using a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Sincerely,

Constance D. Evelyn
Superintendent of Schools