



# 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,

Late last night, a family at the James A. Dever School self-reported that their child tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). This classroom was closed and at our request, students and teachers in this room did not report to school today to allow the district time to execute our safety protocols. Following the guidance issued by the New York State Education Department, and the Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH), we immediately contacted the county health department for confirmation and direction. We also confirmed that there are no siblings attending the Central High School District.

At this time, the only individuals required to quarantine are those who came into direct contact with the student without following established safety protocols. As you may know, we are adhering to the maintenance of five to six feet and mask wearing in our buildings. In this classroom, six feet of distancing has been maintained. Moreover, as an additional safety measure, desk barriers were installed throughout the district and these continue to be utilized daily.

The student who tested positive will not be allowed to return to school for at least 10 days or after a negative test result has been provided to the district. The NCDOH is conducting an investigation and contacting anyone identified as a close contact to the student.

As a reminder, our facilities are cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis as per the New York State Department of Education and CDC guidelines. Out of an abundance of caution, the building will undergo an additional deep cleaning this evening. Based on guidance from the NCDOH, it is not necessary that we close the building or enact any further restrictions or measures at this time.

We will continue to monitor this case and keep you updated with any new information. Please continue to exercise the safe practices recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) including socially distancing, wearing a mask, and frequent hand washing.

Sincerely,

Dr. Constance D. Evelyn  
Superintendent of Schools