



# 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,

Today, a staff member at the Howell Road School reported that they tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). 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.

At this time, the only individuals required to quarantine are those who came into direct contact with the person who tested positive without following established safety protocols. In this classroom, we have adhered to the maintenance six feet and mask wearing. Moreover, as an additional safety measure, desk barriers were installed throughout the district and these continue to be utilized daily.

The employee's last day of attendance was November 6, 2020. The employee was not reportedly presenting any symptoms associated with COVID-19 at that time. The employee will not be allowed to return to school for 14 days following today's notification. The NCDOH is conducting an investigation and contact tracing.

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. 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 pertinent 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