

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This is a follow up letter to correspondence sent last night informing you that two Hamilton students tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19). The students were last in the district on Tuesday, November 17th, 2020. Immediately after being notified of this case, in compliance with guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), the district conferred with the school doctor, the Borough Office of Emergency Management, the Glen Rock Board of Health and other school and local officials.

Please be advised that District Contact tracers completed their notifications this morning. If you did not receive a call from one of our District Contact Tracers, your child was not in close contact. Our Contact Tracers determined that it is highly likely that the students contracted COVID-19 outside of school. To date, there is no evidence of in school transmission of COVID-19.

As per the [New Jersey Department of Health guidelines](#), schools are only required to close when there is an outbreak. An outbreak in school settings is defined as ... "two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases among students or staff with onsets within a 14-day period, who are epidemiologically linked, do not share a household, and were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during standard case investigation or contact tracing ." Although there are two confirmed cases at Hamilton, they do not originate from multiple households.

Only affected Hamilton Elementary students and staff will operate **virtually** from today through Tuesday, December 1st, 2020 and return to in-person instruction on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020. All remaining Hamilton Elementary students and classes, and all Central, Byrd and Coleman classes will remain on their regular schedule. As everyone is aware, the High School and Middle School will return to in-person instruction on Monday, November 30th, 2020.

Sincerely,

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