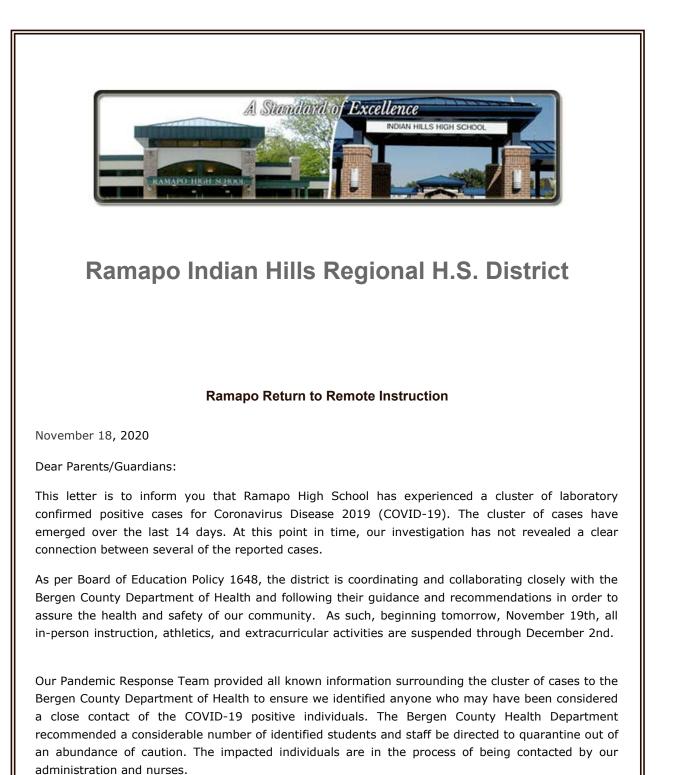


## **Ramapo Return to Remote Instruction**

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These precautionary measures are designed to break potential transmission chains and to provide time for potentially exposed individuals to develop symptoms while not in school. (It should be noted

that during our previous pause of the hybrid schedule, we had additional Covid-19 positive cases reported that were resolved without causing an outbreak in the school.) The two week closure also allows time for further understanding of the local COVID-19 situation (e.g., community spread) and increases social distancing amongst the immediate school community.

We strongly believe that closing will provide us with the best chance to preserve as much of the inperson school year and related activities as possible. We believe that in-person experiences for school and extracurricular activities are the ideal and we are hopeful that taking these actions at this time will allow us to return to an in-person model as soon as possible.

Therefore, following the recommendation of the Bergen County Department of Health as per Board of Education Policy 1648, Ramapo High School will shift to full remote instruction beginning tomorrow, November 19th. We plan to return to the hybrid in-person schedule on Thursday, December 3rd. The virtual classes will follow our published schedule for hybrid learning which is posted daily on the district website. Doing so will allow for the continuity of learning districtwide. Additionally, all in-person extracurricular activities and athletics will be postponed during this closure and school grounds will be closed to the school and community.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

Additionally and equally important, please keep your child home from school if any of the following apply;

- Your child has had a known close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the prior 14 days
- Your child has had a laboratory test for COVID-19 and the results are pending
- Your child has traveled outside the State of New Jersey to an area of high community transmission

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact your building administrator, your child's class administrator, or the school nurse. Below are some resources that might be helpful.

## RESOURCES

- 1. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019 community.shtml
- 2. Get the Facts about Coronavirus: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- 3. Symptoms of COVID-19: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
- 4. Testing: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html; https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing
- 5. How to Protect Yourself: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html
- 6. What to Do if You Are Sick: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-whensick.html

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