



## DEMAREST PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

On Tuesday, March 3rd, school administrators participated in a conference with Governor Murphy, Commissioner Judith Persichilli, Chair of the Governor's Coronavirus Taskforce, Dr. Tina Tan, State Epidemiologist, Dr. Lamount Repollet, Commissioner of Education, and other healthcare specialists

Updates were given during this call which included measures schools should take to help reduce the spread of respiratory illness including COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the flu. These reminders are often shared with you when we are presented with any possible illness.

Please continue to follow these recommendations:

- Frequent handwashing with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your mouth, eyes, or nose as this is an easy way for any disease to impact your immune system.
- If you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with your arm or sleeve to prevent the spread of respiratory droplets.
- If you are sick, stay home. Children and adults should stay home from school or work until they are fever-free for 24 hours.
- Continue to utilize sound resources for continuing information like the CDC and NJ Department of Health.

Please know our schools are taking the following additional preventative measures:

- Monitoring absences and the health of students and staff.
- Separating sick students and staff from others until they can be picked up to go home.
- Providing supplies such as hand sanitizers containing more than 60% alcohol in every classroom.
- Intensely disinfecting classrooms nightly and continually sanitizing surfaces during the day.

As more information becomes available, we will continue to share it with you. We want to reiterate the importance of the best hygiene practices we have shared and offer continued calm based upon the information we are receiving and sharing.

Thank you for your continued support of the health and learning for all children in Demarest. We have provided additional information links below.

Sincerely,

Michael Fox

[NJ Department of Health](#)

[Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission](#)

[Center for Disease Control - COVID-19](#)

[Resource to talk to your children about Coronavirus](#)



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