



WEST LONG BRANCH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Administrative Offices

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please REMEMBER, if someone in your family tested positive for COVID-19 over a vacation or during remote learning, **you must immediately contact the school** and notify (via email as listed below) the principal of such, so that we can start the process of contact tracing. The District will then inform the Department of Health for their expertise and guidance as it relates to the situation. Please know that all names will be held in strict confidence.

As another reminder, if ***any member of your family shows COVID-19 symptoms*** (i.e. fever, cough, etc.) all members of your family must be quarantined until the person is tested. Please know that WLB School District will no longer accept the Antigen (Rapid) COVID-19 Test. Everyone is now required to use the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test when determining positivity. Thus, if this family member tests negative, the quarantined child/children can return to school. However, if the family member that was symptomatic tests positive, all family members including the child/children are quarantined for the required 14 days.

It is imperative for everyone to understand that individuals under quarantine or isolation are **mandated** to do so by law. Quarantine and isolation are not an option. Also, remember if someone in your family or you come in close contact with someone that is COVID positive, you and/or your child/children **must** quarantine/isolate for 14 days even if you are tested during this time and the results come back as negative for COVID-19. You cannot test out of quarantine.

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 Principal at 732-222-5900. Below are some resources that might be helpful.

RESOURCES

a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml

b. Get the Facts about Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

c. Symptoms of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptomstesting/symptoms.html>

d. Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>;

<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>

e. How to Protect Yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-gettingsick/prevention.html>

f. What to Do if You Are Sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/stepswhen-sick.html>

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