



WEST LONG BRANCH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Administrative Offices

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform that 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. 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.

Please also be advised that it is required that if any member of your family tests positive for COVID-19 (even during a vacation or weekend) and/or is quarantined due to being in close contact with an individual that tested positive, it is your obligation to notify the school principal or nurse immediately of the health status of your child/children.

Please remember, that close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of COVID-19 for at least 15 cumulative minutes in a 24-hour period. We continue to ask that you be on the lookout for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in your child/children. Symptoms again can include but are not limited to fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal pain. Not everyone will get all these symptoms. If you believe your child may have COVID-19, contact his or her primary care doctor for directions. Most people who are mildly or moderately ill with COVID-19 will be able to safely recover at home.

Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas has been completed over this two-week period. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily.

Finally, **WLB School District is still scheduled to reopen on Monday, November 30th** for students and staff. However, this situation is tenuous and fluid and needs to be continually monitored. If there is a change in whether the WLB School District will return on Monday, we will notify the community accordingly over the weekend.

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>

Sincerely,

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