

## HARRINGTON PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 9, 2020

Good Afternoon Families,

As we continue to monitor the current situation in relation to Covid-19, I would like to communicate to you the proactive steps the district is taking to prepare for a multitude of situations if they arise in the district or in the Harrington Park community. As we feel that critical information is needed during this time, a [Health Resources and Information Tab](#) has been created on our website ([www.hpsd.org](http://www.hpsd.org)) for the community. On this page you will find information for you and your family about school related issues as well as helpful tools and resources you can use in your home.

As we continue to monitor the news and information coming out of the CDC, we have begun to implement the mechanisms needed to utilize the district's Digital Day protocols. These steps were created and tested in 2015 and will be utilized in the event that there is a need to close our school but allow us to continue the educational process for our students. This will allow us to provide a valuable learning experience through a virtual teaching/learning environment.

On Friday, March 6th the district met and discussed protocols and procedures needed to protect the safety of all of our community members with the Emergency Management Team composed of key stakeholders from the different organizations throughout Harrington Park. As that team continues to meet, you will see information coming out of those offices that will also be shared through our communication systems. The district has also met with our Medical Inspector and will be meeting again with the Borough's Health Director to look at ways we can mitigate the situation for all of our community members.

The NJDOH has established a 24-hour hotline [1-800-222-1222](tel:1-800-222-1222) or [1-800-962-1253](tel:1-800-962-1253) and an email address [NCOV@DOH.NJ.GOV](mailto:NCOV@DOH.NJ.GOV) for questions about Covid-19. If your child is experiencing anxiety around Covid-19, please reach out to a school counselor for assistance as it is critical we continue to partner on helping our children cope with the stress and anxiety these situations create.

As a district, we are attempting to prepare for any situation and our goal is to maintain a safe and productive learning environment for our students. We also are reminding parents that if your child is sick to please keep them home for the good of the family.

Best,

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