



# East Ramapo Central School District

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A Unified Community Educating the Whole Child ...

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Dear East Ramapo Central School District Families and School Community,

Early this afternoon, the East Ramapo Central School District received information that an individual at Hempstead Elementary School tested positive for the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Following our state-approved protocols, the District immediately notified the small group of potentially exposed individuals and initiated deep cleaning processes. Note that The District is working in collaboration with The Rockland County Department of Health and has started the contact tracing process.

If The Rockland County Department of Health indicates if there is anything further that needs to occur at the district level, we will provide you with an update. Per HIPAA Regulations, the East Ramapo Central School District is unable to disclose any personal details about the tested person. The District has and will continue to follow all CDC and Health Department guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting our schools and buses.

We must continue to be vigilant in following health protocols and mitigation standards, including face-covering, social distancing and handwashing. We should all be aware of the symptoms of COVID-19, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Additional information about COVID-19 can be found at [rocklandgov.com](http://rocklandgov.com).

We are grateful for this individual's immediate notification to the District. We also appreciate the incredible work and partnership of the Rockland County Department of Health and the work ERCSD Leadership is doing to keep us as safe as possible. Please note that any questions related to potential exposure, testing, contact tracing or quarantining should be directed to the RCDOH at **(845) 238-1956** or by emailing [COVIDCallCenter@co.rockland.ny.us](mailto:COVIDCallCenter@co.rockland.ny.us).

We continue to work to ensure that all necessary precautionary steps are being taken to keep students and staff healthy. The health of our students, families, and staff is our top priority.

Sincerely,

*Ray Giamartino, Jr.*

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As a unified community, the East Ramapo Central School District is committed to educating the whole child by providing a healthy, safe, supportive, engaging and challenging learning environment.