



Howell Township Public Schools

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Dear Members of the Howell Township Community:

As our nation continues to face challenges associated with the spread of COVID-19, I would like to encourage you to remain calm. The guidance from the Department of Health and CDC reminds us that our risk is low and encourages us to continue to exercise routine precautions. The following link outlines preventative steps that can be taken to manage the spread of the virus.

[CDC Steps to Prevent Illness](#)

While we understand the ever present media coverage can certainly elevate concerns, please know that the Howell Township Public Schools remain in constant communication with the New Jersey Department of Education and the Monmouth County Department of Health. Additionally, we continue to keep an open line of communication with our municipal partners within Howell Township so that we may continue a collaborative effort to best serve and protect our community.

At this time, there are no known or presumptive cases within our school community. Should this change, we will be notified immediately by the Department of Health. Additional information from the Department of Health is available here:

[NJDOH COVID-19 Information](#)

The Howell Township Public School District, in accordance with guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education has developed a plan for remote learning in the event that our schools are required to close for an extended period of time. We recognize that an extended school closure utilizing remote learning can be very complex, and perhaps cause hardship for our families. Therefore, we are asking you to begin considering your family's needs, and plan in advance for any potential closure.

[Talking to Children About COVID-19](#)

We have a previously scheduled early dismissal on March 18 for professional learning. The afternoon staff in-service time will be used to ensure our plan meets the remote learning requirement as defined by the New Jersey Department of Education. In the interim, we will continue to encourage social distancing and utilize our influenza cleaning protocols to disinfect our schools, buses, and playground equipment. District events will continue as scheduled unless you are notified otherwise.

The community of Howell has faced many challenges in the past and I am confident that if we work together and support one another, we will meet this most recent challenge with success.

Be Well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Isola". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "I".

Joseph Isola
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