## GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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As we move towards the end of week 2 of virtual learning, we hope that everyone in Glen Rock is safe and healthy. There are many resources for those that are concerned about the health-side of the virus, as well as resources for coping with this outbreak. Please also know that our school guidance counselors are available for students or families who are having a difficult time.

Please understand that due to HIPPA and other privacy laws we will not be able to share specific information with you in the event we do learn of any officially confirmed cases among the Glen Rock School community. Any notifications will be handled by the Bergen County Health Department. In accordance with state laws, we expect the Bergen County Health Department will perform a disease investigation to identify where the individual lives and close contacts who may be at additional risk. When close contacts are identified, they are notified by the Bergen County Health Department and asked to self-quarantine for a period of up to 14 days.

## • COVID-19 Resources:

Information is evolving and residents are encouraged to contact the **24/7 NJ COVID-19 Call Center** at 1-800-222-1222 or 1-800-962-1253 if calling from a non-NJ cell phone for the most up to date information.

New Jersey residents can also call **NJ 211** with questions or concerns about COVID-19 by calling 2-1-1. NJ 211 is New Jersey's statewide comprehensive information and referral service operated by United Way of New Jersey.

Residents can also text NJCOVID to **898-211** to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.

Residents can also call the **Bergen County Health and Safety Hotline** at (201) 225-7000.

## • Online Resources for Coping with the Outbreak:

Helping Students Cope with Stress during the COVID-19 Outbreak

Parent/Caregiver Guide to Helping Families Cope With the Coronavirus Disease 2019

Mental Health Considerations during COVID-19 Outbreak

• Restrictions are in place and children are not allowed on the school grounds or playgrounds

• School Resources:

Technology issues, please contact <a href="helpdesk@glenrocknj.org">helpdesk@glenrocknj.org</a>.

**Schoology Disruptions:** Check for outages on the Schoology Status Page:

https://status.schoology.com

**Instructional questions**, please contact your child's teacher and/or the building principals.

• Congratulations: Mr. Paul Cusack, District Coordinator of Special Projects, will be taking on a new role for 2020-2021. Next fall, as the K - 12 Supervisor of Instructional and Educational Technology, he will work with the Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Operations, principals, supervisors and teachers in developing the district's technology program to achieve state standards and district educational goals and objectives. Mr. Cusack has been an essential resource in transitioning to and maintaining the virtual learning environment.

Feedback: In closing, here are excerpts from feedback we recently received about virtual learning:

"Love star trek! Thank you for the updates, today and every day. I was happy to hear others acknowledge your commitment today. I can't imagine going through this without your leadership."

"I want to say thank you for all you are doing during this difficult time. Your commitment to your staff and students has been extraordinary. Your emails are encouraging to all of us. Eileen's emails continue to make us laugh."

"Thank you. I don't get a chance to say it but from the bottom of my heart thank you for everything you do."

"Thank you so much for your daily videos! The kids are loving them, but so are the parents! I look forward to seeing you everyday. I am an appreciator of quality shtick, and this stuff is shtick gold! I can't imagine the time you are putting in to help us all stay connected to our teachers, while maintaining your own health and caring for baby Enzo. THANK YOU! You are the absolute BEST!"

We are Glen Rock Schools!

Sincerely,

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