

PALISADES PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dr. Joseph Cirillo
Superintendent of Schools

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This letter is to inform you that a staff member at Dr. Charles Smith Jr. Early Childhood School has tested positive for Covid-19 and is home under isolation following the guidance of public health officials. We wish him/her a full recovery and hope they remain in good health.

We are working closely with the Palisades Park Health Department and following all guidance as set forth by the New Jersey Department of Health regarding Covid-19 case investigations and contact tracing. All individuals who were determined to be quarantined have been identified and are to remain home until October 8th.

There has already been increased cleaning and disinfecting of our building and high touch point areas. Additionally, all parents should continue to monitor their child's health daily and take all necessary precautions. If a child is sick with Covid-19 like symptoms, stay home and contact your healthcare provider for testing. Symptoms 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.

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible while following all public health protocols. I will keep you updated should any further action be necessary in regard to this situation and have included 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/symptoms-testing/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-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- f. What to Do if You Are Sick:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>