



Waterford Township  
School District

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Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you that one individual at Thomas Richards Early Childhood Center and one individual at Assumption School have tested positive for COVID-19. There is an additional presumed positive case impacting multiple buildings. The District is working closely with the Camden County Department of Health which has initiated the process of contact tracing. Each person who has been identified as a *close contact* has already been notified regarding quarantine protocols.

An increasing number of Waterford Township School District employees are unable to be physically present due to quarantine mandates resulting from close contact with a positive COVID-19 case. While quarantine is an effective way to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, it also presents significant operational challenges for our school district to provide adequate student supervision. After careful consideration of the risks associated with continued in-person learning, **Waterford Township School District will shift to full remote learning from Monday, November 16, 2020 through Friday, January 15, 2021.**

Students will return for in-person instruction on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. The District reserves the right to extend remote learning if circumstances warrant it, or in the event that it is required by the State of New Jersey. We will continue to monitor the impact that COVID-19 is having on our school community with the hope of returning prior to January 19th.

I recognize that the decision to shift to full remote learning will present challenges for some students and families. Sadly, the District has exhausted its options and must take action to ensure the continued health and safety of our school community. Please stay in contact with your student's teacher and principal so we may assist you during the period of remote instruction. As always, thank you for your understanding of this very complex situation.

Stay healthy,

Dr. Brenda Harring  
Superintendent of Schools