

# BERLIN BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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This letter is to inform you that a second employee at Berlin Community School has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). This case is isolated and not related to the previous case. At this time, there is no evidence to support any school-based transmission.

The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, state, and local health department guidance to assure our community's health and safety. Due to the school having two unrelated cases, we are going to take the precautionary measure of shutting down onsite instruction and transition to remote-only instruction beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, October 27, 2020 through Tuesday, November 10, 2020. This time will also allow for proper contact tracing to begin and progress in an effective manner by the Camden County Department of Education. Any students or staff members that are identified as a close contact will be notified.

Unless otherwise specified, all staff will teach from their empty classroom using the district provided technology. Individual teacher and student schedules do not change. The only difference is that we are now remote-only.

Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas is in process at this time. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily.

Details on Scheduling Changes	
All remote begins:	Onsite learning resumes:
Tuesday, 10/27/2020	Wednesday, 11/11/2020

The Department of Health will begin contact tracing as soon as possible. Any students or staff members that are identified as a close contact will be notified.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#) promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks, and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

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As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact me at [campisij@bcsberlin.org](mailto:campisij@bcsberlin.org) or (856) 767-0129 extension 217. On the next page are some resources that might be helpful.

Very truly yours,



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## RESOURCES

NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:

[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_community.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml)

Get the Facts about Coronavirus:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Symptoms of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>; <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>

How to Protect Yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

What to Do if You Are Sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>