



Kenilworth Public Schools
Kyle C. Arlington
Superintendent of Schools

September 29, 2020

Dear Community,

We learned today that a David Brearley Middle-High School student tested positive for COVID-19 after exposure unrelated to the school setting. To protect the privacy of the student, we will not provide identifying information beyond this notification.

Because of specific and unique circumstances, we are following guidance from the Kenilworth Health Department to close David Brearley Middle-High School for 2 days. **Students and staff members will work and learn remotely September 30 and October 1.** This will allow for the ramped-up cleaning efforts of our school and also allow the Health Department to conduct contact tracing. The Township Health Office will communicate directly with individuals who may have been exposed to this student and will advise those families accordingly.

- Per the Kenilworth Health Department, Harding Elementary School is able to remain open, as the student who is a confirmed case has no siblings in our schools.
- DBMHS will continue to follow the hybrid schedule: Wednesday, September 30 is a D-Day; Thursday, October 1 is an A-Day. Students will Zoom with their scheduled teachers from 8am-12pm. Asynchronous learning will be posted to Google Classroom in the afternoons.
- AM and PM Vo-Tech students should also learn from home.
- Virtual Back-to-School Night remains scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 7pm.
- Sports practices for September 30 are canceled while contact tracing ensues. A decision regarding October 1 sports practices and games will be made on September 30 and messaged to you.
- Grab-and-Go meals for Brearley students will be available between 1:30pm and 2:30pm in the back lot near Harding cafeteria. Please wear a mask and follow social-distancing guidelines.

We understand that this news might cause concern, but there is no evidence of a widespread occurrence of the virus in schools, or a community outbreak that would warrant further action. These steps are outlined in the state Department of Health's protocol for responding to positive cases in a school setting; see our [previous communication](#) for reference.



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We ask that you continue with symptom checks, and keep your child home if signs of illness develop. Please encourage children to continue the healthy practices that will protect them and others: frequent handwashing, refraining from touching their faces, and properly wearing their face coverings.

We'll continue to communicate regular updates.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

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Jeremy Davies
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