

HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear High Point Community,

On behalf of our Board of Education, the administration and the entire staff, thank you for your trust and support during the past few weeks as we reopened our school for all staff and students. In response to recent inquiries regarding High Point's protocols for responding to a positive COVID-19 test result, I thought it would be helpful to share this letter with all stakeholders.

High Point continues to make the health and safety of all students and staff our top priority, and we will continue to follow all directives from the New Jersey Department of Education, and the Sussex County Department of Health. We are in contact with both of these governing agencies on a daily basis.

Fortunately, High Point has had no reported cases of COVID-19 among students or staff. Our reopening plan (enclosed) explains that our protocol for responding to a positive COVID-19 test calls for the administration to contact the Sussex County Department of Health immediately. In accordance with their guidance, and upon the close review of data including but not limited to: classroom seating charts, transportation records, extra-curricular participation, etc., we would conduct contact tracing. High Point would notify persons (parents on behalf of students) who have had close contact (NJDOH definition enclosed) with the person who tested positive. Using these procedures and following the guidance from the local health department, we would direct that all persons needing to quarantine for the prescribed number of days, begin this process immediately.

I wish to reiterate, the precise scope and nature of our response to a positive test result for COVID-19 would be case specific, and again, it would be conducted in collaboration with, and under the direction of, the Sussex County Department of Health. I would also like to thank the Sussex County Department of Health for their expertise, responsiveness, assistance and leadership during this time.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to make this school year a success. Please reach out to the school with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Scott D. Ripley, Ed.D.
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RESOURCES:

HPRHS Reopening Plan:

Attachment A-4



HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
REOPENING PLAN 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

299 Ridgecroft Hill Rd.
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New Jersey Department of Health - Close Contact:



Frequently Asked Questions Close Contacts to Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus called SARS-CoV-2. COVID-19 can cause symptoms ranging from mild illness, like common cold symptoms, to more serious illness like pneumonia (lung infection).

I've been told I'm a "close-contact" to someone with confirmed COVID-19. What does that mean?

If you are identified as a **close contact** to someone with COVID-19, you may have been told this by your healthcare provider, your employer, your local health department or the person themselves. In general, **close contact means being within 6 feet of a person for longer than 10 minutes.** It is currently thought that close contacts of people who have COVID-19 are at highest risk of getting the virus than the general public. **Some examples of close contact include:**

New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub:

OFFICIAL SITE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY COVID-19 Information Hub

Call (toll-free) 1-800-452-6343
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Text NJCOVID19 to 734-929-3279

Select a Language

Search for COVID-19 and Reopening Information Here

What if I can't pay my rent?

GET TESTED | CHECK YOUR SYMPTOMS | WORK UP | REOPENING INFORMATION

What you need to know

- How can I protect myself and others from COVID-19?**
Last updated: 07/29/2020
Our first responders and health care workers are working hard every day – so can you. Your family, your friends, your neighbors – their lives are in your hands. Here's how you can do it...
- Which states are on the travel advisory list? Are there travel restrictions to or from New Jersey?**
Last updated: 06/17/2020
New Jersey welcomes travel to and from our state. However, to slow the spread of COVID-19, the State has issued an incoming travel advisory that all individuals entering New Jersey...
- What rules or safety guidelines are in place for reopened businesses?**
Last updated: 06/16/2020
Most businesses can reopen, while following appropriate mitigation requirements. Links to industry-specific guidance can be found below. For a timeline of reopening dates and more information about...