



WANTAGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent of Schools

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John McNamara
Superintendent

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Dear Wantagh School Community,

The Wantagh School District has been made aware of a suspected case of coronavirus (COVID-19) within the Wantagh community. The community member has a child who attends Wantagh High School. The child and spouse of the community resident are currently self-quarantined. The Nassau County Health Department has indicated that there are no confirmed cases in the school district for any student or staff member at this time.

Our primary concern is for the health and safety of our students, staff and community. Following the guidance of the Nassau County Department of Health and the New York State Department of Health, our schools will remain open. Our district has begun intensifying cleaning practices throughout our buildings and will follow all directions provided by public health officials to prevent and limit the spread of the virus.

According to public health officials, the way COVID-19 is spread is very similar to the flu and common colds. The symptoms of coronavirus are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, lethargy, lack of appetite and coughing. Additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, have also been reported. Individuals who need medical care should call their medical providers to report their illnesses prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office or hospital. Parents of students or staff members exhibiting symptoms are asked to call the New York State Coronavirus Hotline: 1-888-364-3065.

Our district will remain on top of developments regarding COVID-19 and will take the appropriate steps necessary to protect the health of all of our students, staff and school community. For the most accurate and timely information on the virus, please visit the [NYS Department of Health](#) or the [CDC](#) websites.

As always, our schools work closely with public health officials and follow all of their expert recommendations to best ensure the safety of everyone in our school community. We will keep you updated as this situation evolves.

Sincerely,

John C. McNamara

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