



## M.E.T.S. CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and All District Staff:

M.E.T.S. Charter School is continuing to stay abreast to the latest information provided by the [CDC](#), [New Jersey Department of Education](#), and the [New Jersey Department of Health](#) about the possibility of the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) within our community. At this time, M.E.T.S. Charter School has zero reported cases of exposure to COVID-19. While we are making preparations for a potential extended school closure, we will continue operation as normal in the coming days. As a precaution we have suspended all athletic practices and games, after school activities, and field trips until further notice.

During the ½ day professional development yesterday our staff spent time preparing online lessons in Google Classroom for our students to complete if schools are closed due to COVID-19, and thoroughly cleaning both of our campuses to ensure that every surface has been disinfected and sanitized.

In order to better serve our students during the potential closure, we ask that you and your child(ren) read through the Distance Learning Requirements for Students ([English](#), [Spanish](#)) document (attached). If you require a chromebook and/or hotspot please sign and return this form within 48 hours of notification that the school will be closing. These devices will be available for pick from your child(ren)'s school.

We will continue to monitor the situation, and have implemented the following guidelines **immediately**:

- **Any students and staff showing one or more of the following symptoms will be sent home and required to provide doctor's clearance upon their return:**
  - **Cough**
  - **Fever (over 100.1)**
- **All students and staff traveling by plane, ship, or to a known infected area will be required to provide doctor's clearance upon their return.**

We will continue to conduct a deep and thorough clean of our facilities. We ask that if your child is not feeling well that you keep them home and have him/her checked out by a doctor. Teachers



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will be happy to provide work through Google Classroom so these students do not fall behind in their classwork.

We would like to remind you of the recommended precautions for preventing the flu and other viruses:

- Handwashing with soap and water is preferred to the use of sanitizer. Wash hands often, for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve, not your hands. Throw the tissue directly in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Keep your children home when they are sick. Children should not return to school unless they have been fever-free without medication for 24 hours.
- Avoid people who are sick.
- Get a flu shot – it's not too late to be protected.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.

Please continue to check your email and the [M.E.T.S. Charter School website](#) for the latest information on the M.E.T.S. Charter School response to COVID-19 and the plan of action for an extended school closure. If you have general questions about COVID-19 (Coronavirus), you may call the NJ Department of Health COVID Hotline 1-800-222-1222.

District notification will be conveyed regarding any potential school closures. Thank you for taking the time to review this information. Your collaboration with maintaining a healthy school community is greatly appreciated. We will continue to provide ongoing updates and information as appropriate and necessary.

Thank you,

Damion Frye  
Lead Administrator