

# GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Glen Rock High School Staff, Parents and Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that since our return from Spring Break we had fourteen (14) high school students test positive for COVID-19. Though several of these results occurred over break, we did receive notice today of an additional ten (10) students with positive tests. With these additional positive cases, Glen Rock High School will transition to remote instruction from April 7th - April 9th, 2021. The High School will return to in person instruction via the previously announced three (3) cohort schedule on Monday, April 12th, 2021.

Though our contact tracers determined that it is highly likely that each of the students were exposed to COVID-19 outside of school, the district will err on the side of caution with the transition to virtual instruction. The district will revisit the need to extend the quarantine over the weekend and communicate out to all stakeholders **only** if a decision is made to continue the quarantine for the High School. This communication will occur no later than 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 11th, 2021.

Individuals who came into close contact (meaning closer than 6 feet for a cumulative of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period) with the ten students who recently tested positive have been identified, and District Contact Tracers will complete communication by the end of the day with any affected individuals to provide quarantine instructions.

High School parents and staff will receive communication from Dr. Parent with further information by the end of the day today.

**Please be advised that, unless circumstances dictate otherwise, there will be no change to the schedules for Byrd, Hamilton, Central, Coleman and the Middle School. All will continue to have in-person instruction. Please be further advised that the transition to remote learning should not be used as an opportunity for students to spend time with each other outside of school as we have determined with confidence that COVID-19 is spreading outside of our schools in non-school related social settings. We encourage our students to do their best to remain socially distant and wear masks when outside of school.**

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant in your approach to dealing with this health concern. It is critical that those who are asked to quarantine do so. We must all do our part to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and community. Our actions today can have a positive impact on school, activities, spring sports, events, and milestone events, such as prom and graduation, for the remainder of the school year.

If you have any questions about COVID-19 symptoms, or any other concerns for you or your child, please consult your physician. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact your child's school nurse and/or principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett Charleston". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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