



# Hastings-on-Hudson Public Schools

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Dear Hastings Families,

This is today's community update which contains responses to questions that we have received from parents or new health-related information. If you need to reference yesterday's update, it is [here](#). I will only send weekend updates if new information is obtained.

**Q1:** Was the person who worked in a location where the individual who tested positive for the COVID-19- Coronavirus, also tested?

**A:** The New York State Health Department makes the determination on who needs to be tested and testing was not considered in this case because the person is low risk. Today, another guide called the [exposure risk categories](#) also found on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) website was shared with Superintendents. It explains the various levels of risk, which was also explained in the response to question six in yesterday's update.

**Q2:** Will the Chromebooks and desktop computers be cleaned?

**A:** Yes. Our team, under the supervision of Joe Martorana, Director of Facilities, will clean every Chromebook and desktop computer in the schools.

**Q3:** Is there a resource that explains when to use hand sanitizer and when to use soap and water?

**A:** Yes. A parent shared [Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Ms. Cazes also prepared procedures for children at Hillside that she shared today. The link to her letter is [here](#).

**Q4:** Where are the hand sanitizer dispensers located in the schools?

**A:** Dispensers are in all of the classrooms and common locations such as the cafeteria, gymnasium, and library in each building. In addition, a number of hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed in the hallways in Farragut Middle School and Hastings High School.

Q5: Children may be worried about contracting the COVID-19- Coronavirus. Is there a resource that families can use to reduce their anxieties?

A: A parent shared a resource from [NPR](#) that may be useful. If your child comes to school and begins to feel anxious, they may visit a school counselor, psychologist, or social worker to discuss their concerns. Teachers also have all of the information that families have received. They will be able to address their concerns and reassure them that we are doing everything to ensure that they are safe and healthy.

Our schools will reopen on Monday fully disinfected and sanitized. The caution that we exercised was in service to students, parents, and staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Warm regards,

Valerie Henning-Piedmonte