



March 25, 2020

Dear Fedcap School Community,

We are amending our previous preparedness plan sent out Monday, March 9, 2020. Please see area marked in **BOLD RED** type that have been updated.

The health and well-being of our students and staff is of paramount importance. Although we do not have any concerns at the present time regarding the Coronavirus (CoVid19) we want to share the precautions we are taking to ensure the health of our students, staff and all the enter our school and provide ongoing information regarding school closure.

Our School Nurse continues to ensure that all students are aware that sanitary practices of hand washing and covering their mouths when coughing and disposing of tissues after sneezing are part of the best defense against passing colds and viruses. We continue to clean and disinfect all classrooms, gym and common areas in the school daily.

We adhere to Newark Public Schools policies and procedures and are aligned with Newark Health Department and the State of New Jersey Department of Health procedures and best practices. **As a result of the new information regarding school closures throughout the districts we service, we too are now are closing the Fedcap School from Tuesday 3/17/20 until further notice.**

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

Fedcap School students will be on Spring Break beginning 3/17/20 until Monday, 3/23/20 and will continue to be out Tuesday, 3/21/20 **until further notice** utilizing 3 unused SNOW DAYS already built into our school calendar as well as our extending the school year to June 30, 2020 to comply with the 180 attendance mandate. *NOTE: all sending districts have closed and transportation has been suspended.* Transportation companies will be notified of these updated changes.

All parents and stakeholders will be updated via email, telephone calls or mail, and students will receive 4 weeks' worth of work packets via US MAIL or personal delivery with FOOD SERVICES and distance learning links to continue instruction. We will continue delivery of a weeks' worth of School Breakfast and Lunches to all our students until normal school hours are in effect.

We continue monitoring our email www.fedcap.org/FEDCAPSCHOOL and updating our Main Office answering machine message (973-677-0700) where all parties can reach out with any questions regarding school operations.

We remain vigilant in ensuring a safe, secure environment for all our staff and students and will continue to follow any additional district and State of NJ mandates.

Here is some of the information regarding CoVid19 for your information: The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest). It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, **but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.**

As a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water **for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty. For information about handwashing, see [CDC's Handwashing](#) website.

We have attached a copy of your child's district letter for your information as well. Please continue to check The Center for Disease Control (CDC) who updates their website for guidance at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019.

We will continue to inform you of any further developments that may directly impact the Fedcap School. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Sincerely,


Director