



Ramapo Remote Learning Period

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Ramapo Indian Hills Regional H.S. District

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Dear Ramapo Indian Hills High School Community:

Yesterday we sent out a letter notifying the community of an additional confirmed positive case of Covid-19 at Ramapo High School. We have since learned of two additional laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Ramapo in addition to the two cases previously identified earlier this month.

Please know we worked closely with our public health experts to ensure that we identified anyone who had to quarantine as a result of an exposure to these confirmed cases. It has been determined that these five known cases have had an impact on our school community and resulted in a significant number of families, students, and staff having to quarantine.

After consultation with administration, our local health officials, and our District Physician, we have reached the very difficult decision to go fully remote at Ramapo High School for the next two weeks. We are taking these precautionary measures out of an abundance of caution in order to break the transmission and limit the exposure of our community members. We strongly believe that doing so will provide us with the best chance to preserve as much of the in-person school year and related activities as possible.

This decision is a difficult one, which takes into account the amount of confirmed cases, the range of exposure, the number of people needing to quarantine, the number of students requesting remote learning, and the required staffing needs for safe and effective operation of the building. We believe that in-person experiences for school and extracurricular activities are the ideal and we are hopeful

that taking these actions at this time will allow us to return to an in-person model as soon as possible.

Therefore, Ramapo High School will shift to our Virtual Learning Plan through Friday, October 30th and return to the hybrid schedule on Monday, November 2nd. The virtual classes will follow our published [schedule for hybrid learning](#). Doing so will allow for the continuity of learning districtwide. Please note that student laptop exchanges will resume when we return to in-person instruction. Additionally, all in-person extracurricular activities and athletics will be postponed during this closure and school grounds will be closed to the school and community. Extracurricular activities and athletics can resume on Saturday, October 31st.

As we have emphasized in several messages, public health is a shared responsibility, and we all play a critical role in protecting our students, staff, and community from exposure to this virus. The choices we make moving forward will directly impact the functioning of our school.

We require your assistance in reminding and encouraging your family members and friends to observe the following guidelines without exception:

- Stay home when sick
- Wash hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds
- Limit close contact with people who are sick and avoid sharing food, drinks, and utensils
- Practice social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart)
- Wear a face covering while in school and outside of school when applicable
- Continue to monitor your health for symptoms

You can expect continued communication from the school district as information becomes available. Please know we support and care about you and your families, and the health and well-being of your children and loved ones are of the highest priority.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

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