



## Maplewood Middle School

7 Burnet Street  
Maplewood, NJ 07040

TEL.: (973) 378-7660 FAX: (973) 378-5247

Dara Crocker Gronau

Principal

Louis Brown

Russel King  
Assistant Principals

### COVID-19 School Notification: Positive Case in School

June 16, 2022

Dear Maplewood Middle School Community:

This letter is to inform you that an individual at Maplewood Middle School has been identified as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases. Please note this case does not affect school operations, and delivery of instruction will continue as normal.

The total number of cases by school are reported weekly on the District Dashboard (Reflect cases reported Friday to Thursday and updated every Friday afternoon) [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. In addition, as a reminder, cleaning and disinfecting of the building (including exposed and frequently touched areas) is done daily.

**As of March 14, 2022 the District is no longer directing quarantine of school close contacts of the positive individual.**

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19; and we encourage parents and students to continue following the CDC and NJDOH promoted safeguards, such as:

- Getting vaccinated and boosted as eligible;
- Staying home when you are sick;
- **Considering wearing a mask while in school and in public settings;**
- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing to the greatest extent practicable; and
- **Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms. Get a laboratory PCR or Rapid test if you have symptoms, and see Testing information link under the resources tab below.**

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. Please continue to assist us in dealing with this health concern. Thank you to all who have been vigilant in notifying the school district if you have a positive case or exposure and for staying home if you or someone in the household is sick with COVID-like symptoms.

Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact Nurse Gretchen Shook at 973-378-7660 x 3009 Below are some resources that might be helpful.

## RESOURCES

a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:

[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_community.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml)

b. Get the Facts about Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

c. Symptoms of COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

d. **Testing AND Vaccinations** <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing> and key in your zip code

Essex County COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Locations for mega sites open for walk-ins

- **Consult your Health Care Provider; currently, NJDOH suggests that testing is most meaningful on day 5 after exposure, or if exhibiting signs and symptoms**
- **Consult your local health department [SO (973) 378-7715 x7710 or MA (973) 762-8120 x4400]**
- **Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)** <https://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/primarycare/fqhc/>  
COVID-19 testing is free of charge at FQHCs regardless if you have insurance or not.
- **MediMobile (New Name=MediStation) Walk-in Covid Testing site:**
  - Saturdays at the Board of Education Building 525 Academy Street in the District Meeting Room 9:00am to 3:00pm
  - Wednesdays at the Board of Education Building 525 Academy Street in the District Meeting Room 4:00pm to 6:00pm

e. How to Protect Yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/>

f. What to Do if You Are Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

g. COVID-19 Dashboard: Total number of cases by school are reported weekly on the District Dashboard (updated every Friday afternoon)

Sincerely,

*Ms. Gronau*  
Principal