



BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Evening Parents:

First, I would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation throughout this ever-evolving situation regarding COVID 19. I would like to take a moment to provide an update on the District.

Barnegeat Township School District has been following guidance set forth by the NJ Department of Health and the NJ Department of Education regarding COVID-19. Although there are no confirmed cases in Barnegeat Township, the virus continues to spread in parts of the state.

We have adjusted our school calendar to reflect Monday as a professional development day for staff only. On Monday, at 2pm at BHS, the Board of Education will convene for an emergency meeting to discuss the recommendation to enact our Virtual Schooling Plan as submitted to the County Superintendent's Office. This plan will take effect on Tuesday, March 17 and proceed through April 9- the last day of school prior to Spring Break.

We will revisit the plan at that time and determine if we will return to regularly scheduled school days on April 20 or if we will need to continue our virtual schooling option.

The District's food service provider developed a grab and go program. Each school will prepare meals and make them available for pick up by students eligible for free/reduced meals. Families can pick up food package between 10am and 12pm at the following locations:

Location

Barnegeat High School (For JTDS students also)
Cecil S. Collins Elementary Schools
Robert L. Horbelt
Lillian Dunfee

While meals will be available at each location listed above, the District recommends that free/reduced qualifying families utilize the location in closest proximity to your residence. Anyone with specialized needs or find themselves in a situation requiring additional assistance are encouraged to contact the District at: 609-660-7510 x7056 or mmorris@barnegeatschools.com

If your child needs a Chromebook for virtual learning at home, please stop by the high school. We will be signing Chromebooks out to the student's parents at the parent/student drop off loop in front of the main entrance from 10am until 2pm every day.

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Academics will be delivered via online platforms (like google classroom) and those directions will come from your child's teacher(s) starting Tuesday. If you do not have internet access, or different arrangements have been made, you can pick up the hard copies of lessons and materials from your child's school. I would ask that you email your child's Principal for specifics. Again-that is only if you do not have access to the internet or if different arrangements were made with your child's classroom teacher. Please wait until Tuesday for that correspondence prior to reaching out or taking action

During this closure, all school and district events will be canceled or postponed. Before and After care will not be available.

The intent of closing school is to promote social distancing and thereby limit the spread of the coronavirus to our highest risk populations. The highest risk populations are our senior citizens and those with underlying health conditions. Please use this time outside of our school buildings to complete schoolwork and conduct other activities that adhere to guidelines urging us to avoid large gatherings of 250+ people.

As always, if you have any questions you can always reach out to my office at the contact information listed below. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but student and staff safety are always at the center of our decisions.

Sincerely,

Brian

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