



## Coronavirus Response

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1. What has the District done to prepare for the potential spread of the Coronavirus?**

Our [District-Wide School Safety Plan](#) includes a Pandemic Response Plan that addresses the four phases of emergency management (Prevention/Mitigation; Preparedness; Response; Recovery). This plan has been operationalized, and we are following it with fidelity.

**2. Are schools required to close if any students or staff are diagnosed with COVID-19?**

When a school initially has a student or staff who tests positive, the entire school will close for 24 hours while the local department of health investigates and sets forth a plan for any further precautionary measures that the school must take to contain exposure, which may result in additional closure. During this time, the entire school building shall be disinfected in accordance with guidelines from NYS DOH with approved cleaners. Additional closure beyond the 24 hours is a decision that will be made on a case-by-case basis by the local department of health.

**3. How long may a school be closed if a staff member or student is diagnosed with COVID-19?**

If a student or staff member attended school prior to being confirmed as COVID-19 case, local health officials will require an immediate 24 hour closure to disinfect the entire school building, while local health officials begin an investigation to determine contacts the positive case had, and set forth a plan for the containment strategy, including appropriate length of closure for the school.

**4. If there is an extended school closure (longer than 3 days), and work is expected to be shared online, what should I do if I do not have access to a computing device or internet service at home?**

The District has Chromebooks available for loan. We are also in the process of purchasing a number of filtered mobile hotspot devices to provide students with a safe, simple wireless connection to the Internet. Please call the Instructional Technology Department at 792-4892 or email [akavanagh@hewlett-woodmere.net](mailto:akavanagh@hewlett-woodmere.net) for more information.

**5. In the event of an extended school closure, will my child be expected to submit work online?**

This is very likely, but will be dependent on the grade level and teacher. Expectations will be set by each teacher, and they will be conveyed to the parents of each student. Students who experience difficulty submitting work electronically will not be penalized, and they will have the opportunity to return work once school reopens.

**6. If there is an announcement of an extended school closure, when can students expect to receive assignments?**

It is expected that all teachers will begin providing students with assignments and due dates by the end of the first day their school is closed.

**7. How will teachers share information about classwork and assignments?**

Elementary teachers (grades P-5) will communicate with parents via email, or their established communication platform (i.e. Seesaw, Google Classroom), in order to share instructional materials, assignments, and/or submittal directions.

Secondary teachers (grades 6-12) will communicate via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal where teachers will outline the process for accessing instructional materials, completing assignments, and submitting work.

**8. If a high school student is absent due to illness during this outbreak, will they be in danger of being denied credit due to the Attendance Policy?**

No. The policy affords protections to students via an appeals process where a request for an appeal shall be made in writing to the building principal and shall include a written statement describing the basis for the appeal.

**9. How will I be updated about the outbreak, and its impact on our schools?**

The District will continue to keep you informed via our website and email. Here is the link to the information we are providing via our website:

- <https://www.hewlett-woodmere.net/Page/11406>