

# FREEHOLD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Howell High School

Freehold Regional High School District  
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**Mr. Jeremy Braverman, Principal**

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December 7, 2020

Dear HOWELL High School Community,

As part of our Restart and Recovery Plan, I am informing the entire Howell High School community that the District was notified that members from our school community tested positive for COVID-19.

Immediately upon notification of the positive test result, the administration, school nurse and the Monmouth County Department of Health conducted contact tracing to determine if the persons with a positive test result had close contact with any others while at school. In accordance with the New Jersey Department of Health, "close contact" is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

As a result of this collaborative process, all close contacts were notified by the administration and they are receiving additional calls from the Department of Health. Families with a close contact should make every effort to connect with the health department once they reach out so important health information can be explained. We ask that the community refrain from spreading rumors and false information regarding positive cases.

In accordance with the FRHSD Restart and Recovery Plan, all areas of Howell High School are being sanitized as per CDC guidelines with special attention to high touch areas and areas where the infected person was in attendance. These procedures were taken in addition to our routine protocols. We strongly encourage all members of our school community to continually monitor themselves for [signs and symptoms of COVID-19](#) and to seek medical assistance when feeling ill.

We have consulted with the local department of health and as a result of a significant increase in external community related COVID-19 activity and in accordance with the FRHSD Restart and Recovery Plan, Howell High School will transition to **Full-time Remote Learning effective December 8, 2020 through January 8, 2021 to ensure the safety of our school community.** Staff and Students will resume attending in-person school and participating in activities via the Hybrid Schedule on **Monday, January 11, 2021.**

Our winter break will run from December 24, 2020 through January 3, 2021.

Additionally, Howell High School and the entire Freehold Regional High School District will proactively transition to Full-time Remote Learning directly after the winter break on **January 4, 2021 through January 8, 2021** to mitigate any impact to the health and safety of our school communities due to the very real possibility of holiday gatherings and COVID-19 transmission.

During the Full-time Remote Learning period, **all in-door athletics and activities will be suspended**. All staff and students will continue to follow the partial day schedule and participate remotely via Google Meets.

If you have any questions, please contact an administrator at Howell High School at 732-919-2131. Thank you for your continued support as we work to prioritize student safety and learning during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeremy Braverman, Howell High School Principal  
Dr. Charles B. Sampson, Superintendent