

## Holmstead School

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To: Holmstead Parent(s)  
From: Stephen Kuwent, Psy.D.

As per the directive of the Bergen County Executive Office and the State Dept. of Health, Holmstead School **will be closed for two weeks starting 3/16/20 with a return date of 3/30/20.** PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY:

- Teachers are preparing lessons/assignments that will be accessible to students electronically (i.e., via student's Holmstead email, Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams, teacher web pages, etc.). We will continue to provide "virtual classes" in order to maintain consistency and continuity of their educational program and to not have to make up these missed days. Today, we were instructed by the county DOE that tele-therapy is not permitted. However, parents/students can email the therapists with questions or concerns.
- Please let us know if your child DOES NOT have access to a Smart Phone or Computer or access to the internet so that we can make other arrangements.
- Please make sure your child logs onto their Smart Phone or Computer daily to access email/lessons/assignments. They should log on prior to 2:00 pm. If they do not log on they will be marked absent. If too many students are marked absent I am concerned that the state might not give us credit for the day.
- We are holding off on contracting with a cleaning service for now. In addition to the daily cleaning, we are adding hours for our custodian to thoroughly clean the classrooms. If anyone in our school community is diagnosed with the Coronavirus at any point, the school will close immediately, and, at that time, we will hire a private contracting company to thoroughly disinfect the building.
- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE A FEVER or are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 as per the CDC!
- In the event that anyone in your family becomes infected, please keep your child home and notify us immediately.
- Please discourage handshaking or physical contact. Elbow bumps are the new greeting!

We will continue to follow the directives of the New Jersey Department of Education, the New Jersey Department of Health, and the Center for Disease Control. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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