



**EDGEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Building a Better World, One Student at a Time*

March 16, 2020

Dear Edgewater School Community:

We have been advised today that a member of the Edgewater School District staff has tested positive for COVID-19. In order to ensure the health and safety of all members of the Edgewater school community, we are taking the following immediate actions:

1. All George Washington (GW) School students and staff should immediately begin a period of self-quarantine, extending through Sunday, March 29, 2020. This means that you should remain in your homes, and monitor yourself for any symptoms. If you are feeling unwell, you should contact your physician. If you have questions about COVID-19, you may contact Mrs. Patricia Dalton, Edgewater Public Health Nurse at 201-943-1700 x 6004 / 6005 [patricia@edgewaternj.org](mailto:patricia@edgewaternj.org) or call NJ COVID-19 & Poison Center Public Hotline at 1-800-962-1253 or 1-800-222-1222 or visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or [www.nj.gov/health](http://www.nj.gov/health)
2. All Eleanor Van Gelder (EVG) School students who ride Bus #2 in the morning or afternoon, as well as all Eleanor Van Gelder (EVG) School students who ride the EVG LATE BUS due to participation in clubs or chorus or band, are also to immediately begin the same self-quarantine period, extending through March 29, 2020.
3. The Edgewater School District buildings will extend school closure through Friday, April 3, observing the distance learning protocols previously provided to all students. Spring break is already scheduled for April 6 through April 10; therefore, the current plan is to reopen Edgewater School District Buildings on April 13, 2020 (subject to conditions at that time).
4. For families that participate in the Edgewater School District lunch program, the program will continue to operate.
5. All Borough restaurants have been directed to offer takeout or delivery service only; no dine-in service is permitted at any Borough food establishment, until further notice.
6. All Borough parks are closed and off-limits to everyone, until further notice. However, the Hudson River Walkway remains open.
7. Borough Hall, the Edgewater Recreation Center and the Edgewater Free Public Library are closed to the public; staff are available via telephone and email. Please visit [www.edgewaternj.org](http://www.edgewaternj.org), for an employee directory as well as available online services.
8. All Borough Board and Commission meetings are temporarily postponed.
9. All Borough residents are strongly encouraged to limit their interaction with non-family members not living with you, as well as others, and limit any unnecessary local and other travel. This includes visits to other Borough residents, unless necessary. If you would like to check on your neighbors, please do this via telephone, email or text.
10. Our municipal government and Board of Education are working together to ensure that we are doing everything possible to proactively and responsibly address the current situation; we thank you for your anticipated full support and cooperation with the new requirements, and hope that all community members stay safe during this difficult period.

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Edgewater School District