

# GARFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Members of the School Community at GARFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL:

This letter is to inform you that an individual at GMS has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to ensure the health and safety of our community. **Contact tracing has been completed and any individuals who are identified as close contacts have been notified and will be in quarantine for fourteen days.**

Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas will be completed. The school is taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and is cleaning all classrooms and offices as well as frequently touched surfaces daily. As you are aware, the custodians are required to leave notes on classroom doors verifying the cleanliness and sanitization of the classrooms.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage you to act responsibly and continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school;
- Avoiding all nonessential travel ; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

As always, we appreciate our school community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact the District Nursing Supervisor, Tana Raymond, at 973-340-5000, ext. 2318, your building principal, and school nurse.

Below are some resources that might be helpful.

## RESOURCES

a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:

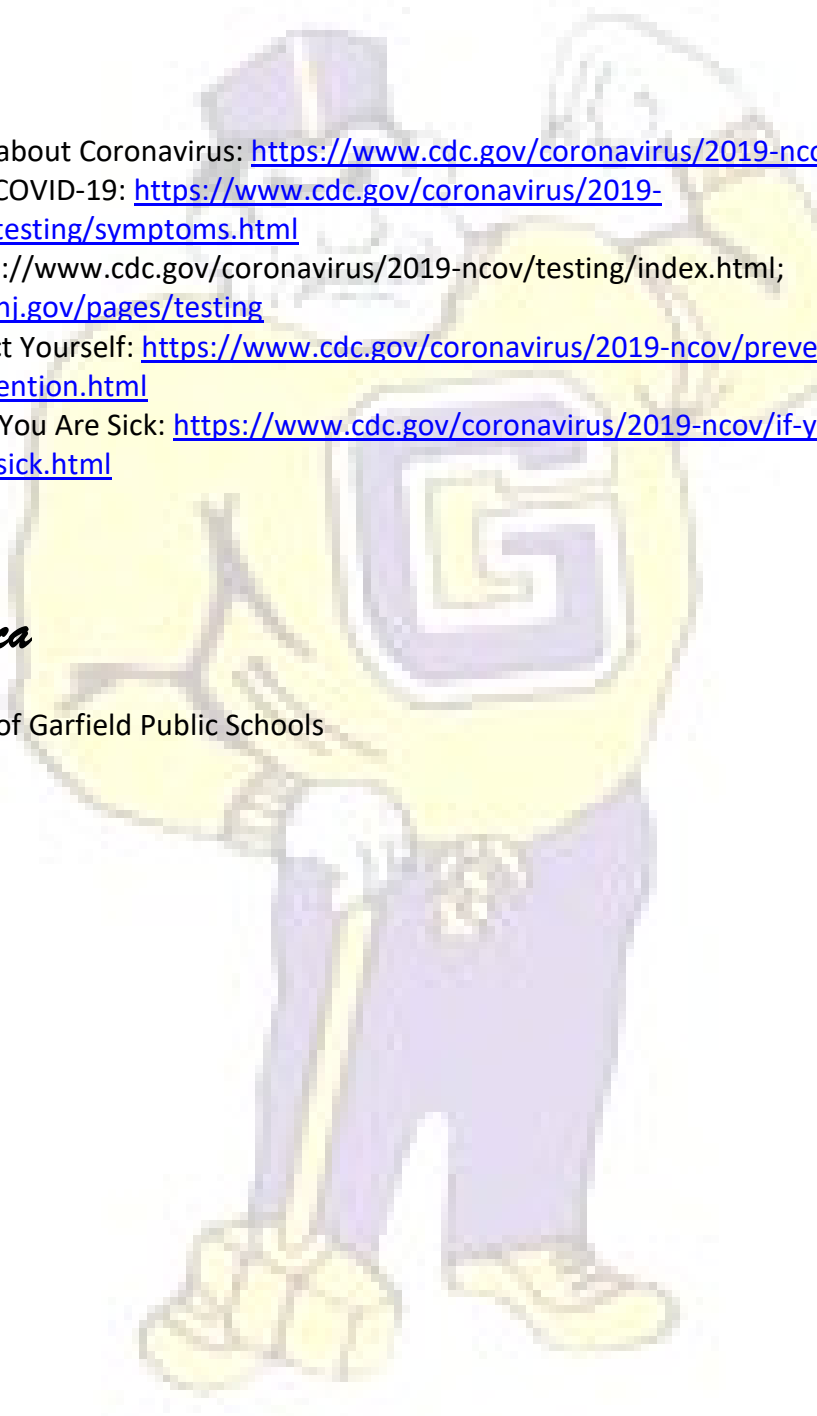
[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_community.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml)

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- The mascot is a cartoon bear wearing a yellow jacket with a large white 'G' on the chest, purple pants, and a purple hat with a yellow band. The bear is standing with its arms crossed.
- b. Get the Facts about Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
  - c. Symptoms of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptomstesting/symptoms.html>
  - d. Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>; <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>
  - e. How to Protect Yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-gettingsick/prevention.html>
  - f. What to Do if You Are Sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/stepswhen-sick.html>

Sincerely,

***Anna Sciacca***

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