



**Pathways College
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Dear Pathways Families:

As you know, the health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Much has changed very rapidly with respect to COVID-19 in our school community and citywide. School buildings are now closed to students until April 20, 2020, and remote learning will begin next week for all students.

With respect to the Pathways community, I am writing to inform you that a member of our school community has self-reported that they tested positive for COVID-19. A disinfection of the school building has been completed in accordance with New York State Department of Health guidelines. As a reminder, the DOE routinely conducts deep cleanings in your school.

What You Should Do

- Educate yourself about COVID-19 through the NYC Health Department's website at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/coronavirus.page>.
- The DOE has already begun posting learning sources for students in grades Pre-K through 12; they are currently available online at schools.nyc.gov/learnathome. More information about remote learning, meals, and other core service will be made available for families at schools.nyc.gov.
- Continue to practice general viral infection prevention measures including:
 - Wash your hands with soap and water often.
 - Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing or coughing.
 - Do not touch your face with unwashed hands.
 - Do not shake hands. Instead, wave or elbow bump.
 - Monitor your health more closely than usual for cold or flu symptoms.
 - Get your flu shot – it's never too late.
 - Reduce overcrowding by walking or biking to work, if possible.

- If the train is too packed, wait for the next one.

If You Feel Sick

- Stay home and call your doctor if you have symptoms like coughing, shortness of breath, fever, or sore throat.
- If you do not feel better in 24-48 hours, contact your doctor.
- Do not go to school or to work until you have been fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing drugs like Tylenol or ibuprofen.
- If you need help finding medical care, call 311.

Please visit schools.nyc.gov/coronavirus for important school-related guidance and nyc.gov/coronavirus at any time for critical updates, including ways to fight stigma and bias around the coronavirus. It's important we come together and support one another during this time.

Nothing matters more than the health and safety of our staff and students, and we are committed to keeping our school community fully informed.

Please do not hesitate to contact Superintendent Juan Mendez jmendez2@schools.nyc.gov (718)281-7696 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Fia Davis
Principal