



RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227

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To: All District 227 Employees
From: Dr. Echols
Re: School Closure July 8, 9th and 10th

Dear Faculty and Staff,

On Tuesday July 7, 2020, two District 227 employees tested positively for COVID-19. Precautionary measures will be taken to ensure that we protect the safety and well-being of all employees. District 227 STEM and Fine Arts and Communication 12-month employees will work remotely on Wednesday, July 8th, and Thursday, July 9th. All campuses are closed on Fridays during the summer. Rich East has not been impacted and summer camps will operate in alignment with the established summer camp schedule. The District has notified all employees who had direct contact with the employees diagnosed with COVID-19. An external service provider has been contracted to clean and sanitize the STEM and Fine Arts and Communication campuses. Normal summer schedules and school will resume on Monday, July 13th.

Employees who had direct contact with the employees diagnosed with COVID-19 will be required to be tested for COVID-19 tomorrow and shall notify the district of the status of their test results before returning to work. Any employee who test positive will self-quarantine for 14 days. The employee(s) will be required to obtain an additional COVID-19 test and must test negative twice before receiving clearance to return to work. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Human Resources. Re-entry meetings and documentation must be provided to Human Resources who will provide reentry approval and notification to building administrators.

Employees seeking to obtain free COVID-19 testing near Rich Township High School District 227 can contact the following organizations to confirm the process:
CVS Pharmacy, 3400 Lincoln Hwy, Olympia Fields, IL
Walmart Supercenter, 22401 Central Avenue, Richton Park, IL
CVS Pharmacy, 3200 Flossmoor Rd, Flossmoor, IL

In addition to these local service providers you may contact your primary care physician or obtain testing at the facility of your choice. Employees can also conduct a Google search for free COVID-19 testing and enter your zip code for locations closer to your home. Employees will receive their normal compensation during the two-day school closure. Administrators and essential workers will work remotely on Wednesday, July 8th, and Thursday, July 9th.

As a gentle reminder all employees are required to have their temperatures checked upon entry into the building, wear a mask upon entry and while traveling to common areas in the building, continue to vigorously wash your hands and maintain social distancing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for doing your part as a valued member of the District 227 family!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Kim Echols at kechols@rich227.org

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