



For Immediate Release
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**Positive Cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) involving a Bedminster Resident &
Bedminster Township School**

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP - Bedminster is notifying our residents that we have a reported COVID-19 case involving a township resident and one reported COVID-19 case involving a staff member at the Bedminster Township School.

The township case is a 38-year old resident who did not report being exposed to a known COVID-19 pathway. The Somerset County Department of Health is identifying anyone who had close contact with this patient in order to provide guidance and to limit the spread of infection.

The case involving a staff member at the Bedminster Township School does not involve a Bedminster resident. No other information about that patient has been provided.

This is the first report of COVID-19 in Bedminster and will certainly not be the last. In order to limit the spread of COVID-19, all residents are advised to:

- Stay at home
- Practice social distancing: maintaining or increasing the distance between people (about two arm's lengths)
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water, and for at least 20 seconds each time
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched

The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, or shortness of breath. If any of your family members develop these symptoms, please isolate the individual with the symptoms from other members of the family and call your healthcare provider for further direction.

You may have questions regarding COVID-19. Please review the many resources available from Bedminster Township www.bedminster.us, the Somerset County Department of Health www.co.somerset.nj.us/health, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) www.cdc.gov. These resources will help answer your questions and educate your family about how best to protect yourselves.

Also, please review the latest Executive Order from Governor Murphy announcing restrictions on public activity, directing residents to stay at home, and closing non-essential businesses and services - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-107.pdf>.

Please continue to check in with your family, friends and neighbors by phone calls, texts and emails – social distancing does not mean estrangement. Communication with family and friends is more important than ever.

All mental health and domestic violence hotlines remain open – do not hesitate to use them.

Keep practicing Social Distancing – this is the only way of reducing the COVID-19 impact in our community.

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