

February 8, 2021

Dear Henry Viscardi School Community:

Today, February 8, 2021, the Henry Viscardi School initiated an emergency closing and sent all students home due to a COVID-19 related case.

HVS was notified this morning, February 8, that a staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. Due to the staff member's position, this individual was in contact with various students in multiple cohorts over the course of two days. The Nassau County Department of Health (DOH) has been notified, and the school is assisting in its contact tracing efforts. The school's administration already informed those who are identified as being a close contact. Therefore, if you were not directly contacted by an HVS administrator, you were not deemed a close contact. Official quarantine orders will be issued by the DOH in the ensuing days.

Due to the recent increase in positive cases schoolwide and the unusually high number of staff forced to quarantine, the Henry Viscardi School will be closed the remainder of this week and transition to remote learning. In-person learning will resume on Monday, March 1.

HVS remains committed to effectively teaching students who chose in person or remote instruction; however, we are equally committed to ensuring that instruction takes place in a safe environment which is why we must make the difficult decision to teach everyone virtually. I deeply regret the inconvenience this may be causing students and families.

Thank you for all that you are doing to support your children at home during this difficult time in education.

Sincerely,



Angelo Zegarelli
Head of School