



NELLIE HUGHES STOKES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Stokes Family,

The Stokes administration has been notified by the Department of Public Health (DPH) that an individual has tested positive for COVID-19 over the last few days. The individual will self-isolate and will not return to Stokes Elementary School until cleared by the Delaware Department of Public Health.

Through our contact tracing protocol, we have identified and notified any staff members and students who may have been exposed. If you did not receive such a notification, it means we do not believe you have been potentially exposed to COVID.

The health, safety, and well-being of our district community remain our top priority. We are following sound protocols aligned with expert health guidance to ensure we are doing everything we can to protect your health. We also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of wearing masks, using appropriate safety protocols to mitigate risks, and regularly washing your hands.

We always encourage you to monitor yourself for any symptoms of COVID-19. If a student or staff member is sick with any of the following symptoms, you must stay home: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, chills, shaking with chills, loss of smell or taste, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or headache or congestion or runny nose without a known cause such as allergies. Our school nurses are available to support your family by reviewing symptoms to watch for, answering questions you may have, assisting with follow up communications, and providing further information on available testing sites.

DPH encourages all Delawareans – whether you are experiencing symptoms or not – to consider getting a free test. That will help our state more accurately track the spread of the disease and keep our community healthy. CRHS will continue to serve as a pop-up testing site on Wednesdays from 10:00 am -- 6:00 pm in the front parking lot near Legacy Field. Optional weekly testing is also available each Wednesday at 8:15 am at Stokes. You can register at <https://my.primary.health/l/caesar-rodney-schools>. CRHS is also a COVID vaccine site on Thursdays from 3:00-6:00 pm in the gym lobby. For your convenience, you can place an order for a COVID-19 home test kit or test in person, by visiting <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/>.

We are closely monitoring this situation and will provide you with updates if any further steps are necessary. If you have questions or need to report a positive case of COVID-19, please contact the District's COVID-19 Coordinator, Dr. Toles-Torain at 302-698-4830 or at tamara.tolestorain@cr.k12.de.us.

Sincerely,

Freeman Williams III

Principal

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