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Joint Statement from
Hopewell Township Health Department and
Montgomery Township Health Department
(for Hopewell Borough & Pennington Borough)
Positive COVID 19 Case in the Hopewell Valley Community
March 18, 2020

The Health Department has been alerted to positive COVID-19 test results for a Hopewell Township family that had been practicing self-quarantine since March 14.

One of the positive tests is a teacher at Timberlane Middle School. The teacher was asymptomatic while at school.

All parents should monitor their children for fever and cough until March 27, and contact their health care provider should these symptoms develop. It is important to remember that children, like all persons, may exhibit very mild or no symptoms and still be able to spread the virus

Please do not call 911 with questions about this case. 911 is for life-threatening emergencies.

The facts cannot be ignored or minimized. The COVID 19 virus is already present in our community, regardless of anyone's relationship to this specific case. There will most assuredly be more cases in the time ahead. It is critically important that all residents diligently proactive social distancing **RIGHT NOW**, We cannot stress enough how important this practice is for the health and safety of the entire community.

This means: **Stay home**. Avoid non-essential trips, and maintain 6 feet distance between other people when you must go out. Those making exceptions to this guidance are risking their health and the health of those they may come in contact with.

This is not the time for sleepovers, play group, birthday parties, and congregating of any kind.

This is the time when **your** actions can make the difference between life and death, whether we are able to slow or reduce this outbreak, or we will see – in Hopewell Valley - desperate scenes like those that have been broadcast from places that didn't act firmly enough, soon enough.

Hopewell Valley Regional Schools are providing remote education until at least March 30. This will be further evaluated and updates provided to parents by March 23

For the latest information, check out the Health Department's joint COVID 19 webpage at www.health.montgomery.nj.us/covid19



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