

September 29, 2021

Dear Manhasset School Community,

Over the last two days, we have reported to the community an unusual number of COVID-19 positive cases at Shelter Rock Elementary School. Yesterday, we notified you of 6 positive cases in grade 6. Today, we notified you of 4 additional cases in grade 6. Importantly, 8 of these cases are clustered in one 6th grade class.

Consistent with our protocols, we have been in contact with the Nassau County Department of Health (DOH), who expressed concern that in this particular classroom the number of cases occurred over a very short period of time. We have been informed that most of these 6th grade cases may be a result of exposure outside of school. DOH has indicated that since we cannot be sure that this is the only source of exposure, the entire class is to be quarantined effective immediately.

All parents of students who are affected by this quarantine have been notified by the building administration. If you believe your child may have been exposed to a positive case, please bring your child for a COVID-19 screening test, even if they are not presenting with symptoms. All students who are not affected by quarantine should continue to report to school as normal.

The District continues to adhere to its layered mitigation strategies including universal mask wearing (in the building and on all school buses), physical distancing and cleaning protocols. In addition, please remind your students that they should practice good hand and respiratory hygiene and proper mask wearing, including covering their nose and mouth.

Warmly,

Dr. Gaurav Passi
Acting Superintendent of Schools