

COVID-19 Robocall Script

Read by: Superintendent Shafer

Audience: All PPS Parents and Guardians

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This is Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer and this is a message for all Paterson Public Schools parents and guardians.

The district has been releasing information on precautions against COVID-19 infection from the CDC and the NJ State Health Department.

Yesterday, a page was added to the district's website with information about COVID-19 precautions that includes videos on effective handwashing and downloadable posters and flyers to promote effective handwashing in schools, homes and places of business.

Also yesterday, letters were sent to families and staff that providing information about precautions as well as what the district has done so far in response to the threat of COVID-19.

Cleaning and disinfecting has been completed every night on "touch points" including, but not limited, to door doorknobs, horizontal surfaces, hand rails, and lavatory fixtures and accessories.

Tomorrow, disinfecting wipes will be delivered to all schools for use in all classrooms.

Superintendent Shafer has directed Deputy Superintendent Susana Perón to convene a Task Force on COVID-19 Preparedness. That task force is scheduled to convene on Wednesday, March 11th. Members will include city and county public health officials.

A meeting has been scheduled on Monday, March 9th of all school-based supervisors to develop contingency plans in the event schools need to provide home instruction.

To date, there have been no cases of COVID-19 in the district. If that changes, we will work closely with city, county and state public health officials in response.

The district will ask teachers to begin preparing packets to help continue instruction in case schools need to close.