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## **PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE, DISTRICT VOLUNTEER HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

PATERSON – Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer reported this evening that two people in the district who have tested positive for COVID-19, the novel coronavirus.

A teacher at the School of Education and Training (a.k.a. SET Academy) at the John F. Kennedy Educational Complex, and a volunteer who helped distribute student meals at the Mighty Sons of God, 77 Park Avenue, Shafer said. Everyone who worked at the Mighty Sons of God site is under self- quarantine for 14 days, she said.

Anyone who picked up meals at this site is advised to monitor their symptoms, and seek medical attention if they exhibit any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, including fever, dry cough and shortness of breath.

This report followed Shafer’s report this morning of three district employees and a student who had tested positive for COVID-19.

Shafer has notified all district staff and families of the latest instances of positive COVID-19 tests through an automated phone message.

“In this matter, we are being governed by the Paterson Department of Health and Human Services and the New Jersey Department of Health and we are following all of their directives,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer said. Our prayers are with the members of our district family who are fighting this virus. God bless all of you as we continue taking all of the proper precautions and moving forward together in these most unusual circumstances.”

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