

March 13, 2020



Dear Riverbank Charter School of Excellence Families:

Our first priority continues to be the health and well being of our students, staff, Riverbank family, and community members. Public health officials continue to advise that social distancing is the most effective strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We recognize that school closures will create challenges for our families and our community, but we also recognize our responsibility to address this public health concern.

In response to the growing nature of the COVID-19 virus, Riverbank Charter School of Excellence under the recommendation of the Burlington County Department of Health will be closing and implementing its Home-Instructional Plan effective Monday, March 16th through Friday, April 17, 2020. Our current plan is to return to normal school instruction at Riverbank Charter School of Excellence on Monday, April 20th. As you were informed yesterday, Riverbank Charter School of Excellence has postponed all field trips, school events, and activities effective immediately. We will continue to evaluate the situation daily and, if necessary, amend our Home-Instructional Plan.

The amazing staff at Riverbank Charter School of Excellence have been proactively preparing to continue the delivery of instruction through home instructional learning opportunities. Teachers have prepared supply bags that include resources and materials. On Monday, by 9:00AM you will receive an email from your child's teacher with directions and lessons for the day. You will continue to receive an email every morning with the daily instruction for the day. Lessons, activities and resources will also be listed on each teacher's website.

<http://riverbank.charter.k12.nj.us> (Click on "Academics") (Click on "Our Faculty")

Our home-instructional program includes supporting families with technology needs as well as maintaining programs, including free and reduced lunch, and special services. Again, the home-instructional program will begin for students on Monday, March 16, 2020.

If you are in need of a daily-bagged lunch, Ms. Kelley will meet you in the parking at 11:00AM on Monday, March 16, 2020.

Please note that students and community members will not be permitted in the school building until further notice.

We appreciate your support and understanding at this time. We will continue to maintain regular communication with public health officials, the Department of Education, and with your family during the school closure. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and helping us keep our community safe.

Stay well,

Ms. Beth K. Kelley
Chief School Administrator / Principal